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PRESENTS CREDENTIALS: New Lebanese ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Zafer Hassan, presenting his credentials to King Khaled.

Khaled receives ambassadors

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Four new ambassadors to Saudi Arabia Saturday presented their credentials to King Khaled.

They are Zafer Hassan of Lebanon, Shamsuddin Nadawi

of Senegal, Muhammad Draji of Iraq and Yousuf Jabri of Mali.

The presentation ceremony was attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Dr. Rashad Pharaon,

the King's personal adviser, chief of Royal Protocol, foreign undersecretary for administrative affairs, the commander of the Royal Guard and the director of protocol at the foreign ministry.

Egypt sees road 'still open' to peace treaty with Israel

CAIRO, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — Egyptian Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali said here that a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel was still possible, despite Israel's rejection of new treaty proposals presented by the U.S.

In an interview due for publication Sunday in the weekly "October" magazine, Dr. Ghali said: "The peace talks were neither suspended, frozen nor deadlocked. The road is still open. Some difficulties have come our way and we have to overcome them," he said.

Summing up the difficulties, Ghali said they simply express Israel's failure to absorb Egypt's commitments to the Arab world and understand Palestinian basic needs.

The two main areas of differences between Egypt and Is-

rael are Israeli refusal to link a bilateral treaty to a timetable for Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip and its refusal to amend the draft treaty, which in its present form overrides Egypt's Arab defense pact commitments.

Ghali said that the Arab defense pact was basically directed against attack on any of the Arab states "so if Israel has no intention to attack why should it worry," he said.

If however Israel did attack any of the Arab states, then from both the legal and political point of view the attack would cancel the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, because an attack on one of the Arab states would also be considered an attack on Egypt, he said.

Ghali said "we hope and be-

lieve that we shall overcome the remaining obstacles as we have in the past."

In a foreign policy report Saturday night to parliament's foreign relations and Arab Affairs Committees, Ghali said Egypt "is and always will be ready for constructive negotiations, but it will never agree to sign a draft treaty unless this is accompanied and on the same day, by the signing of supplementary agreements" on linkage and commitment priorities.

He said the agreement on Palestinian autonomy should be in the form of "an exchange of identical letters" with Israel while commitment priorities would be laid down in a written interpretation."

"Egypt's Arab commitments are a national obligation which transcends any other agreements or treaties and, consequently, cannot be subordinated to any (outside) considerations or influences," Ghali said.

Meanwhile the Israeli government prepared for a bitter dispute with the United States over what officials see as Washington's "one-sided" criticism of Israel for the halt in peace talks.

Statements by President Carter and other American officials blaming Israel and praising President Anwar Sadat have driven even political opponents of Prime Minister Menahem Begin to support his rejection of the latest proposals.

Dovish former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who has (Continued on back page)

Canada introduces new anti-boycott legislation

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 (AP) — Canada has introduced legislation designed to combat the Arab boycott of Israel, saying it affects Canadian businesses.

The bill, introduced by Trade Minister Jack Horner Friday, requires that all Canadian companies asked to comply with an economic boycott must report the fact to the trade department. And it gives the government the right to publish the names of complying companies.

Companies face fines of up to 250 Canadian dollars for each day they fail to report. Last month, Ontario passed legislation which outlaws com-

pliance with the boycott by Ontario companies.

Canada's federal government has refused to directly bar compliance, but it will not provide economic assistance to companies that do abide by the boycott.

Canadian exporters had expressed mixed reaction to earlier reports of the proposed legislation, with some saying they feared Arab retaliation.

The Canada-Israel Committee, one of the chief Jewish groups in the country, called the move "a step in the right direction." But it still wanted compliance in the boycott out-

lawed.

He said in an interview that the National Front, the Shah's main political opposition, will not be in the new administration — a move political observers believe will do little to pacify the Shah's foes or bring the turmoil any closer to ending.

However, Amini believes the Shah has to make some move "very soon" to show he is ready to "make changes" and the civilian government, though little more than a gesture of goodwill, will set the process of political change in motion.

Dariush Sanjabi, the Front's leader, rejected an offer from the Shah two days ago to participate in a civilian coalition. He claimed the Shah's regime was illegal. However, the monarch's new move may be aimed at widening a split in



ADDRESSING CONFERENCE: Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan addressing the first annual conference of the Arab Administrative Science Organization Saturday. (See story on page two)

U.S., China to normalize relations

PEKING, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — The United States and China said Saturday they would establish full diplomatic relations on Jan. 1, ending a rift of nearly three decades between the world's most powerful nation and the most populous.

The decision by the U.S. to sever its diplomatic ties with the republic of China (Taiwan) so it could normalize its relations with China brought delight in Peking but anger in Taipei, where the government denounced the move as a blow to the entire free world.

Strict martial law was clamped on Taiwan Saturday after the shock announcement.

After an emergency cabinet session, President Chiang Ching-kuo angrily denounced the American move as a betrayal of its treaty commitments and said the U.S. "cannot be expected to have the confidence of any free nation in the future."

Within hours of the announcement in Washington and Peking, there was anger and dismay on the streets. Groups of youths threw scores of eggs at the American embassy and a car belonging to an embassy official was overturned.

Prices fell to the legal limit on the Taiwan Stock Exchange, parliamentary elections scheduled for Dec. 23 were postponed and some demonstrators broke into ears as they condemned the American move.

"My God, the U.S. has finally deserted us," one Taiwanese official said after being told of the announcement.

But in apparent move to stave off unrest on the island, President Chiang said in a decree that martial law would be fully enforced and placed military and police forces on special alert.

Carter met at the White

House Friday with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, only hours before the president made his nationally broadcast announcement.

The Soviets have in the past opposed any thaw between Washington and Peking and had warned Carter not to try to use "the Chinese card" to wring concessions from the Russians on key issues.

The Chinese news agency Hsinhua quoted one Peking resident as saying, "This is in history. It's what we wanted and I'm sure it's what the American people wanted too."

Japan's Foreign Ministry greeted the news of the Peking-Washington thaw with the hope that it "will contribute to the peace and stability of Asia and the world," but some Japanese businessmen fretted that the United States might now overshadow Japan as China's leading trading partner.

The sources said Carter had guaranteed to Chiang that the United States would continue to sell arms to Taiwan on a selective basis — a move strongly opposed by China.

Carter's pledge on arms was contained in a message delivered to Chiang by the U.S. Ambassador in an early morning visit.

Meanwhile the Kremlin published an unusually quick but non-committal report on the U.S.-China move.

The Soviet news agency Tass carried a report from Washington of Friday's joint announcement by Carter and Chinese Communist Party Chairman Huo Kuo-feng.

The Kremlin, locked in a bitter ideological feud with Peking since the late 1950s, paid

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Venezuelan Oil Minister Vicente Hernandez-Acosta told reporters Saturday afternoon that he expected a price hike of at least 10 percent, spread over all of next year, from the current price of \$12.70 for a 42-gallon barrel of Saudi Light crude oil.

The price of Saudi light, the marker crude, has been frozen at that level since 1977. The bargaining was expected, however, to include a demand for a price hike of only 5 percent by Yamani. He said Friday that increases demanded by pricing hawks could "ruin the economy of the world."

The ministers began their closed debate after public opening speeches Saturday morning that blamed world economic problems on industrialized nations rather than the OPEC bloc.

"We are blamed for everything under the sun, from inflation to recession and currency instability," said Sheikh Ali Al-Sabah, of Kuwait. "Responsible people well know that we are the victims, not the cause, of economic problems."

Sheikh Ali's successor in the largely ceremonial presidency of OPEC, Oil Minister Mana Said Al-Otaiba of the UAE, said "inflation has been eating into our oil revenue," while the decline of the U.S. dollar has reduced income still further.

Arab specialists at the conference estimate that the real purchasing power of a barrel of oil has dropped by 38 percent in the past two years.

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Foreign Minister Hans Blix said.

In Bonn, the West German government said it considers establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and China "an important step on the road to the normalization of international relations."

"We live in a world which depends on close cooperation of all states," said a statement published jointly by the Bonn press office and the foreign ministry. It added that Bonn had advance notice of the move.

"It is in the interest of the international community of states when the most populous nation in the world increasingly joins international developments and is included in the joint responsibility for an interdependent world," it said.

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Reviews dollar

OPEC opens price debate

ABU DHABI, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — Oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries debated next year's oil prices at a 24-hour closed meeting Saturday night, but Saudi Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani told reporters that "we just touched on this issue and we need to go over it tomorrow."

Hamed Zaher, OPEC spokesman said the ministers discussed oil pricing for about one hour of the session, and also the erosion of the U.S. dollar's value that has cut deeply into oil producers' revenues.

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In another development Saturday, the OPEC conference elected Rene Ortiz of Ecuador as secretary-general of the organization for the next two years.

OPEC also approved a new administrative budget for its activities of some \$10 million for 1979.

Mobutu says

Kingdom, Zaire sign oil supply agreement

By Farouk Luqman

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 — President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire said here Saturday that he had signed an agreement with Saudi Arabia for the supply of oil to his country.

Mobutu said the one-year supply agreement is renewable.

Speaking at a press conference at the Hamra palace, President Mobutu said he had also held talks with Saudi leaders on Saudi financial assistance to his country and that agreement on several points had been reached, but he did not elaborate.

There is considerable room for cooperation, he said "and the main reason for my visit is to strengthen such cooperation."

The Zaire leader said his country has launched the "Mobutu development plan" and is seeking Saudi contributions to it. Other countries that are expected to help include Kuwait, Holland, and West Germany he said.

"Saudi Arabia was one of the first countries to help us," he said. "When our country was invaded from Angola, Saudi Arabia came forward."



President Mobutu

with material and financial aid on both occasions," he added. President Mobutu paid tribute to the Saudi role in the international financial stability. He quoted the President of the World Bank as saying that "Saudi Arabia's contribution to world financial stability is pivotal," and this is what made them choose a Saudi as a member of the executive board of the International Monetary Fund, he said.

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National firms capture lion's share of works at industry complexes

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — The Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu has awarded 390 out of the 430 contracts now planned for projects at the two industrial complexes.

Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer Saturday said that 72 per cent of the contract so far let had been awarded to Saudi companies or joint ventures.

Three hundred contracts have been completed, he said.

Majed to open housing parley

DHAHRAN, Dec. 16 — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed, deputizing for Minister of Housing and Public Works Prince Miteb, will Monday open a major conference on housing problems in the developing world.

About six hundred participants from 28 countries are expected to hear more than one hundred papers at the five-day conference at the campus of the University of Petroleum and Minerals here.

During the conference there will be exhibitions of housing technology by local and foreign firms operating in the Kingdom.

Prince Majed Saturday signed a SR 94.79 million contract with a foreign firm for the execution of a sewage and rain-water drainage project in Sayfat here.

The project to be completed in 30 months, calls for the installation of sewage and rain-water drainage networks and the construction of a sewage treatment plant.

A consultancy firm has been awarded an SR 8.75 million supervision contract.

The two industrial complexes will be the site of hydrocarbon-based heavy industry including petrochemical plants, refineries and support industries. Saudi Arabian Bechtel is providing the royal commission with management services and supervision at Jubail and Saudi Arabian Parsons at Yanbu.

The 10-member committee included Prince Majed, minister of municipal and rural affairs, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, Dr. Muhammad Abd Yaman, minister of information, Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi, Minister of Industry and Electricity, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water, Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Muhammad Al-Sheikh, minister of justice, Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuweir, minister of education, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil, minister of finance and national economy, Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasi, minister of pilgrimage and endowments and Dr. Muhammad Al-Milhem, minister of state without portfolio.

The meeting was also attended by Dr. Farouk Akhdar, director general of the royal commission, Dr. Jumaih Al-Jashi, director of the Jubail project and Sami Mousli, director for Yanbu.

College to host seminar on drugs, drinks, smoking

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — The Islamic University of Medina is preparing to hold a conference next year on the social impacts of narcotics, liquor and smoking, "Al-Medina" reported Saturday.

Delegates will be invited from the whole Muslim world to discuss the eradication of their use in Muslim countries.

Among the topics selected for discussion, the paper said, are the attitude of the Sharia to narcotics, interpretation of



ADMINISTRATORS: Delegates at the inaugural conference of the Arab Administrative Science Organization, opened by Prince Sultan Saturday.

Somali aide claims

Addis raids threaten entire region

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Somali Minister of Information and National Guidance Dr. Abdul Salam Sheikh Hussein Saturday said that Ethiopia was continuing to launch raids into Somaliland territory.

Speaking in the course of a visit to the Information Ministry and the radio and television stations here, that the raids, supported by the Soviet Union and "its major allies in the area" were increasing in gravity.

He said that Ethiopia and its allies intended to attack Somaliland, after failing to "check the western Somaliland liberation movement," referring to Eritrean guerrilla operations in the south-western Ethiopian province of the Ogaden.

Somalia considers the Ogaden, populated largely by tribesmen of Somali origin, as a province of Somalia forcibly annexed by the Ethiopians. The minister complained that the West had taken no action on the seriousness of the threat and called on the United Nations, the Arab League and the Organization of African Unity.

Fahd to preside at passing-out

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd will preside the graduation of the third class of National Guard mechanized infantry at Khamis Al-Harithi, Saudi ambassador to Sanaa.

to give prominence to the issue since action is a world responsibility."

He also said that the Ethiopian campaign in Eritrea was aimed at exterminating the Eritreans and was "neo-colonialist" in character.

Hussein arrived here Friday afternoon.

Local briefs

project, it was announced Saturday by the Ministry of Post Telegraph and Telephones.

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RIYADH, (SPA) — Brig. Najim Abdullah Zaidan, commander of the Iraqi Frontier Guard, arrived here Saturday afternoon and was met by Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, director general of the Saudi Frontier and Coast Guard.

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SANA'A, (SPA) — North Yemen Foreign Minister Abdulla Al-Aswad conferred here Saturday with Sheikh Tarrad Al-Harithi, Saudi ambassador to Sanaa.

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MECCA, (SPA) — A total of 52,000 new telephone lines will be installed in Mecca as part of the automatic telephone

project.

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TAIF, (SPA) — Prince Khalid ibn Fahd ibn Khaled, deputy education minister for educational and administrative affairs, opened the first seminar on national educational orientation here Saturday.

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The opening session was

also attended by a number of

princes, ministers and senior officials.

The Kingdom was repre-

Finance minister says

Nationals must fill public posts



Sheikh Muhammad

Aba Al-Khalil

Prince Sultan, who is also vice-chairman of the Kingdom's Higher Committee for Administrative Reform; said that developing countries could attain higher economic and social standards only after administrative development and the training of skilled civil servants.

Only these could provide the simple, flexible and efficient management required to implement economic and social improvement programs, he said.

For this reason, he added, the Saudi government had set up the Public Administration Institute in 1961, and the Higher Committee for Administrative Reform in 1963.

In 1964, the Central Department for Organization and Method was established at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy and was followed by similar units at other ministries.

At the same time, the Civil Service Bureau had been invested with greater power to help supply the government with skilled staff.

Universities now teach administrative sciences, he said. There is a Management Science Faculty at Riyadh University, Faculty of Economics and Administration at King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah and Industrial Management Institute at the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dharan.

The OPEC press center has facilities to transmit news and photographs by satellite through systems operated by the United Arab Emirates, the paper said.

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Libya blacklists Egyptian products

TRIPOLI, Dec. 16 (AP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi on Saturday announced Egypt had been placed on the black list and its products banned from this neighboring country because of Cairo's efforts at normalizing relations with Israel.

"It is deeply wounding to see Egypt placed on the black list and the application to it of all that applies to Zionist

PLO, Jordan resume talks

AMMAN, Dec. 16 (R) — A Palestinian delegation arrived Saturday for a second round of talks with Jordanian officials on relations between the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Jordan.

The delegation is headed by PLO Executive Committee member Hamid Abu Sita.

In the first round of talks last month, both sides agreed not to interfere in each other's internal affairs.

They said peace should be based on total Israeli withdrawal from occupied territory and the restoration of Palestinian national rights, including that of self-determination and the creation of a Palestinian state on Palestinian soil.

Arab engineers to move HQ from Cairo to Baghdad

AMMAN, Dec. 16 (R) — The Arab Engineers Union has decided to move its premises temporarily from Cairo to Baghdad in protest against Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace negotiations with Israel.

In a statement published here Friday night, the union said President Sadat's policy "constitutes the most dangerous move against the Arab nation's rights."

The union called on the Arabs to support the so-called eastern front against Israel militarily and financially.

enemy products," Qaddafi said in an address to the opening session of the General People's Congress, an equivalent of a national assembly.

He described the Egyptian-Israel contacts as "a treason which has reached its ultimate limits... This cooperation has blackened anything Egyptian and placed it on the black list."

In the speech, Qaddafi reviewed relations between Libya and other Arab countries.

He referred to the illness of Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and pledged "everlasting alliance" to the Algerian people.

"These ties are eternal and they do not end with the passing away of individuals," Qaddafi said.

Qaddafi referred to Saguia el-Hamra and Rio Oro, the two areas once belonging to Spain along Sahara's Western coast and restated Libyan support for "Arab masses struggling for their freedom everywhere, regardless of their size."

M.E. Briefs

• ABU DHABI: Iraq Saturday proposed that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) should adopt Arabic as an official language in addition to English, the only language of the 13-nation organization, sources at an OPEC conference here said.

• BAHRAIN: The Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa Saturday said any rapprochement between Gulf states was a step forward towards Gulf unity. On the occasion of the Bahrain's national day, the ruler in a statement issued here added Bahrain had worked toward unifying Arab ranks as well as the stability and prosperity of the region.

• TEL AVIV: Arab youths hurled rocks at Israeli troops and burned an automobile tire Saturday during a series of demonstrations against fencing off of land by authorities in the occupied West Bank. Military sources said the demonstrations at the village of Halhal and the outskirts of Bethlehem lasted several hours.



A NEW MESSAGE: A Muslim mullah, and other residents of Tehran's bazaar read the latest words from their religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini on a mosque wall. A new message, sent out by the Paris-based leader, is nailed on the wall everyday. (See story page one) (Wirephoto)

42 killed in Iran's earthquake

TEHRAN, Dec. 16 (UPI) —

— At least 42 persons were killed and 10 injured in a sharp earthquake which struck southwestern Iran Friday, radio Iran reported Saturday.

At least 17 villages around the town of Masjid-e-Solaiman and Izeh were destroyed or severely damaged when the quake struck at 10:37 a.m. (0837 GMT) Friday.

The two cities were badly shaken up, the radio said. The tremor sent shockwaves through the Khuzestan province bordering Iraq but caused no casualties in other areas.

The radio broadcast was the first report on the earthquake, the worst since 25,000 people died in a massive tremor which struck the east Iranian desert town of Tabas in mid-September.

The radio said 23 persons were killed and six wounded in eight villages around the town of Izeh and another 19 died and four were injured in nine villages around Masjid-e-Solaiman.

Israel snubs America, says Algerian newspaper

ALGIERS, Dec. 16 (R) —

The United States has received a slap in the face, and from its great protege Israel, the Algerian government newspaper "el Moudjahid" said Saturday.

It made the comment in an editorial on the abortive "shuttle" between Israel and Egypt this week by U.S. Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance.

The paper speculated about a possible crisis in U.S.-Israel relations but added, "let us not forget that Israel is an appendix of the United States."

It forecast that "Washington will not resolve to use the only means that could enable it to implement its 'pan-American': exert economic and military pressure on Israel."

The newspaper said the U.S. had other aims in the Middle East, and would certainly like "to reinforce the pro-American side in the area, and possibly to spread it to other Arab countries."

"However reactionary regimes can be, they cannot tolerate such humiliation, nor abandon the basic interest of the Arab nation, without risking being disavowed by their own people," the newspaper went on.

Reiterating the Algerian stand on the Middle East issue, the newspaper said that the November Baghdad Arab summit had expressed the refusal of the Arab states to go along with what it called the masquerade of Camp David.

There would be no peace without the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), it declared.

Sadat meets French admiral

CAIRO, Dec. 16 (R) — President Anwar Sadat Saturday received Admiral George Lapazelle, commander of the French Navy, the official Middle East News Agency reported.

The agency made no reference to the subjects discussed during the meeting.

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'Night of shame'

Cleveland plunges into bankruptcy

CLEVELAND, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — Cleveland Saturday failed to repay over \$15 million dollars in loans, thus becoming the first major U.S. city to default on its debts since the depression in the 1930s.

Last-minute haggling between Mayor Dennis Kucinich and a hostile city council failed to come up with a rescue plan acceptable to six creditor banks before the deadline for repayment ran out at midnight Friday night.

"There will be six months of chaos in the city to pay for this one night of shame," Kucinich predicted in a last-minute appeal to the council. He said his plan would have stabilized the city's financial status.

The mayor said that on Monday morning, if no agreement could be reached, he

would have to lay off half the city's police officers, firefighters and maintenance employees.

The mayor proposed to avert default by raising city income taxes by 50 per cent, but the council refused to approve this unless he agreed to sell the debt-plagued municipal electricity plant.

Kucinich refused, saying it would be a senseless short-term solution and insisting he would rather "sell his soul to the devil."

But the mayor, in an eleventh-hour compromise, promised that if the council supported his tax-raising plan, he would agree to sell the plant if it could not be run at a profit over the next 18 months.

The compromise plan collapsed at an emergency council meeting convened late Friday night.

In governor's office

Parole-for-pay plot alleged in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tennessee Dec. 16 (AP) — Three aides to Tennessee Governor Ray Blanton, including his legal adviser, have been charged in an alleged

parole-for-pay scheme operated in part from the Governor's office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

The men were charged with

Ryan doomed in advance, Jonestown survivor says

GEORGETOWN, Dec. 16 (AP) — A survivor of the mass murder-suicides at the Peoples Temple commune said Friday that cult leader Jim Jones called for the death of U.S. Congressman Leo J. Ryan before he visited the settlement and was slain.

Harold Cordell, 42, made the statement under cross-examination by defense attorney Rex H. McKay.

McKay represents Larry Layton, 32, charged with murder in the slayings of Ryan, three U.S. journalists and defecting cult member Patricia Parks. They were shot to death Nov. 18 at the Port Kaituma airstrip after leaving the Peoples Tem-

ple settlement in Jonestown.

Jones and more than 900 other members of the cult died in a mass murder-suicide within hours after Ryan's party was attacked.

Cordell said that at public meetings in Jonestown before Ryan arrived he had heard Jones say the congressman's "plane might fall from the sky."

Previous witnesses had said Jones made a statement about Ryan's plane crashing, but they said he made the remark after Ryan and his party left Jonestown for Port Kaituma several miles away.



Kucinich: "chaos"

Several of the banks had said they would be prepared to carry the outstanding loans over into next year if the coun-

cil adopted the mayor's proposal to raise the city tax, but the Cleveland Trust Bank apparently insisted that the sale of the electricity plant would have to be part of the rescue package.

The 32-year-old mayor Friday accused the banks of trying to destroy Cleveland, which has a population of 625,000, but it was as much the constant feuding between Kucinich and the 33-member council that pushed Cleveland towards bankruptcy.

Asked at midnight if the city was in default, the mayor's press secretary, Andrew Juniewicz said, "It appears as if it is." City law director Jack Schulman nodded glumly, saying "yup, as of 12 o'clock."

Detroit was the last major American city to default when it failed to repay a loan in 1932 during the depression.

an aide in the Governor's office, according to FBI documents.

Other conversations were videotaped, authorities said.

FBI agents Friday arrested T. Edward Sisk, Blanton's legal counsel; Charles Benson, Sisk's extradition assistant; and Lt. Charles Frederick Taylor, a 15-year Tennessee Highway Patrol veteran assigned to Blanton's security staff.

Blanton was not available for comment.

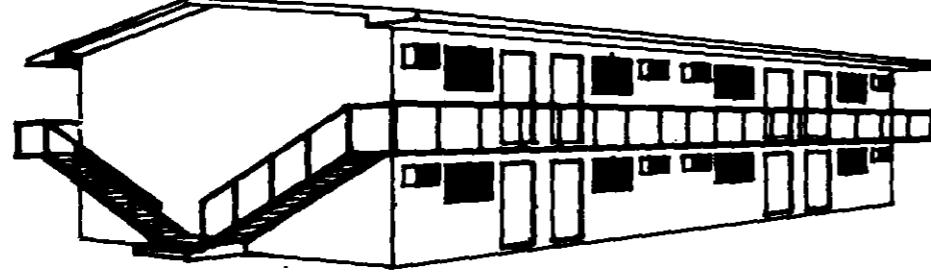
An informant — identified only as "Mr. B" was secretly discussing details of one alleged payoff during a long-distance telephone call to

Somoza orders amnesty

MANAGUA, Dec. 16 (AP) — President Anastasio Somoza has met the second of three demands his opponents set for continued peace talks in Nicaragua by declaring amnesty for political prisoners. Radicals re-

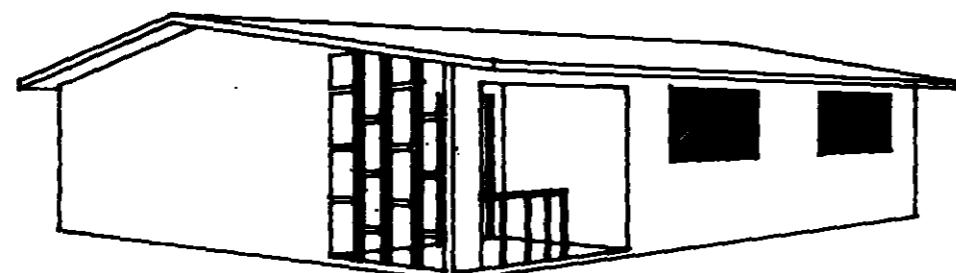
jected it and moderates agreed to being negotiating Saturday. The amnesty, signed into law Friday night, is expected to free some 4,000 Sandinista guerrillas, political prisoners and to exonerate exiles.

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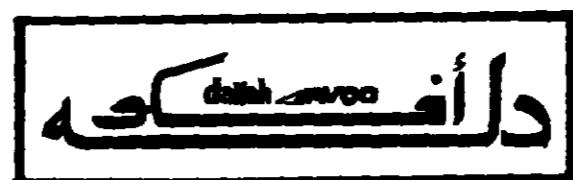
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Rhodesia admits attack on Mozambique troops

SALISBURY Dec. 16 (UPI)—Rhodesia admitted Saturday it has widened its war against black guerrillas to include installations run by neighboring Mozambique's regular troops.

The military command said the targets of recent Rhodesian air strikes into Mozambique were sections of Mozambique

Black civilians said killed by insurgents

SALISBURY, Dec. 16 (AP)

—Black guerrillas have killed 21 black civilians, including seven men and a baby, shot or beaten to death in raids on two farm laborers' compounds, the military reports.

Earlier Friday Ndabaningi Sithole, one of three blacks in the government, appealed for an end to foreign aid to the Patriotic Front guerrillas.

"There has been a campaign of terror against the Zimbabwe nation as a whole," he said.

A military communiqué said two men and an 18-month-old baby died when guerrillas shot up a farm compound in the Midlands.

In a farm attack in the northwest, guerrillas abducted 10 workers, the military said. Nine were found later, five hacked to death with axes and then shot, and the others seriously wounded, the communiqué said.

The military said the other blacks — all killed within the

3 Irish sentenced for British officer's death

BELFAST, Dec. 16 (AP) — Three men from Northern Ireland's Republican country near the Republic have been convicted of murdering a British Army undercover agent, Capt. Robert Nairac.

Nairac, 29, vanished in May 1977, and his body was never found. He was last seen in Crossmaglen near the border. His bloodstained car was found there a few hours later. Authorities said he was believed killed in a forest a few miles away in the Republic.

Liam Patrick Townsend, from Dundalk in the Republic, was sentenced in Dublin 13 months ago to life imprisonment for the murder.

Friday's sentencing ended a lengthy trial. It was the first conviction in Northern Ireland for a murder committed south of the border and in

Army bases occupied by guerrillas of Robert Mugabe's wing of the Patriotic Front.

"The strikes — announced by the Rhodesians Dec. 11 and said by the Mozambicans to have been in a series begun Nov. 29 — were launched after captured guerrillas provided 'reliable intelligence that those

parts of the bases which were under attack were occupied by Rhodesian terrorists and contained terrorist arms,' Rhodesia said.

"If the Mozambique government wishes to act as host to forces seeking to overthrow the transitional government by force and to provide such forces with accommodation and storage facilities within the confines of FPLM bases, then they must be held responsible for the risks to which such a policy exposes the people of Mozambique."

FPLM, Mozambique's armed forces, are the Portuguese initials for the Popular Liberation Forces of Mozambique. Rhodesia's eastern neighbor, it is a former Portuguese colony. Until Saturday's announce-

ment, Ian Smith's government had consistently asserted that its troops go out of their way to avoid Mozambican regulars when operating in Mozambique.

The Mozambicans have said one of the bases struck by Rhodesian Canberra bombers recently was an FPLM base in the area of Dondo in eastern Mozambique about 175 km east of the border with Rhodesia.

Depends on supervision

Namibian victor may enter U.N. elections

WINDHOK, Dec. 16 (R) — White political leader Dirk Mudge, whose Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) has been declared winner of the Namibian elections, says his party would seriously consider participating in a poll supervised by the United Nations.

As expected, the DTA had an overwhelming victory with 82 per cent of the votes cast in its favor.

The size of the majority was largely determined by the boycotting of the election by the

two other main parties — The South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) and the Namibia National Front.

The U.N. did not recognize last week's ballot.

"It all depends on whether an agreement can be reached on the conditions under which a second election under U.N. supervision can be held," said Mudge after the result was announced Friday.

"There are still, at this stage, some reservations and objections which have not been met. Whether we will take part in a second election under U.N. supervision all depends on whether agreement can be reached on the conditions laid down for such an election," he added.

He did not elaborate, but South Africa, which rules the territory despite U.N. recognition of its mandate, has said one point at issue is the size of the U.N. force which would be drafted in to supervise the elections, proposed for early

next year.

There have been doubts that the DTA, having won this election, would be prepared to risk further U.N.-sponsored elections including SWAPO.

But without those second elections Namibia would be denied international recognition as an independent state.

Russians step up propaganda war on Romanian leader

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (AP) — The Soviet Union publicly reprimanded Romania Saturday for taking a "special position" on Warsaw Pact defense matters and then bringing the conflict to the attention of the press.

The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda," in a prominently displayed and lengthy article headlined "Detente and Reality," defended the Warsaw Pact's decision to maintain a strong posture in the face of rising NATO armaments and expenditures.

"Pravda" stepped up the Soviet quarrel with President Nicolae Ceausescu, who publicly revealed that he refused to sign a Warsaw Pact pledge

to step up military expenditures at last month's Moscow meeting.

It was the first time that the Soviet press had mentioned Romania by name in the context of the summit.

"When discussing questions related to this (defense matters), the Romanian comrades took a special position," Pravda wrote.

"Later, they informed the public through the press of some of their arguments and this gave a pretext for speculations and insinuations against the Socialist community by bourgeois and Peking propagandists."

It was apparent from the article that what angered the Kremlin was Romania's public disclosure of the proceedings at the usually secret Warsaw Pact meeting, and the impression given the West that the bloc was divided.

Ceausescu based part of his argument against an increase in military expenditures on the principle that it would diminish the possibilities of economic development" and that the bloc's military was already strong enough.

Cambodia uprisings said spreading

BANGKOK, Dec. 16 (AP) — The Cambodian rebel movement Saturday claimed that uprisings against the central government have been expanded in many areas in the north and northeast of the country, especially in Mondulkiri province. The pro-Hanoi rebel movement has vowed to topple the Phnom Penh government.

23% of U.S. energy needs from sun

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP) — The sun could furnish 23 per cent of the United States' energy needs within two decades if the U.S. government is willing to spend \$2.4 billion a year to get the job done, a new policy study asserts. The Energy Department study, which has been presented to President Carter, offers a variety of policies costing up to \$113 billion over 20 years.

Pilgrim crash airport innocent

COLOMBO, Dec. 16 (AP) — The crash of an Icelandic Airways jet last month was not caused by malfunctioning equipment at Colombo Airport, according to a report to be published here Sunday. The government-controlled "Ceylon Observer" reported that information obtained from a flight data recorder showed the equipment did not cause the crash, in which 188 persons died.

Turkey, Portugal to get more aid

BRUSSELS, Dec. 16 (R) — More NATO countries have expressed willingness to give military aid to Portugal and Turkey, a spokesman for the Western Alliance has said.

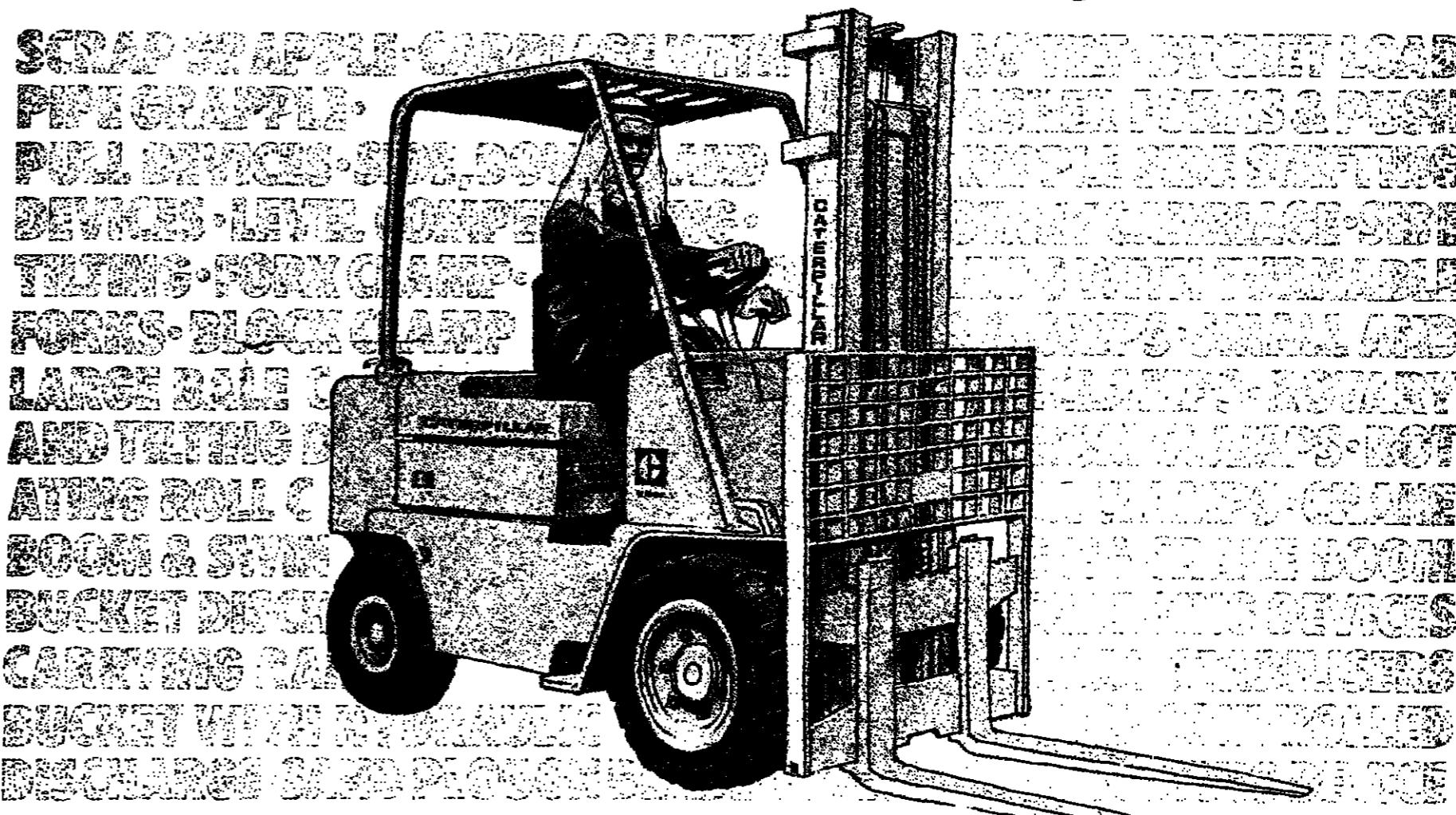
Off the boat and onto the beach

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 16 (AP) — About 300 Vietnamese refugees who landed east of here Friday have been allowed temporarily to stay on the beach there, the government said Saturday. There are more than 47,000 Vietnamese refugees in Malaysia.

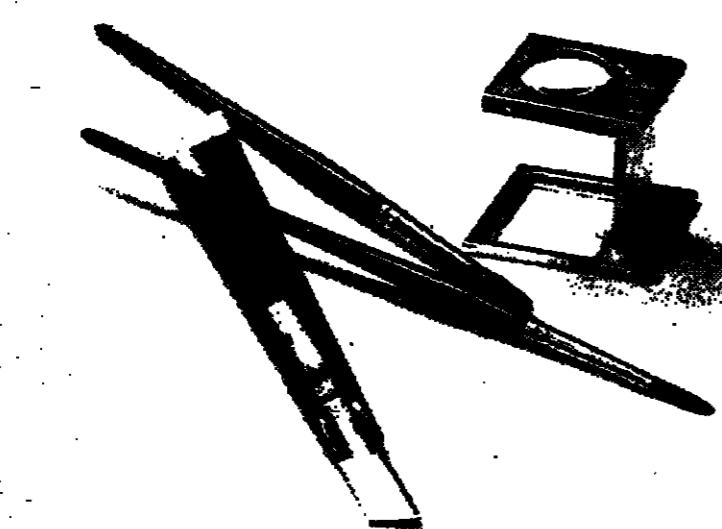
British crime author dies at 71

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP) — Edgar Lustgarten, a barrister turned author who was known to crime drama buffs around the world for his radio, television and film reconstructions of celebrated murder trials, is dead at 71. He collapsed of an apparent heart attack Friday in the Marylebone public library near his London home.

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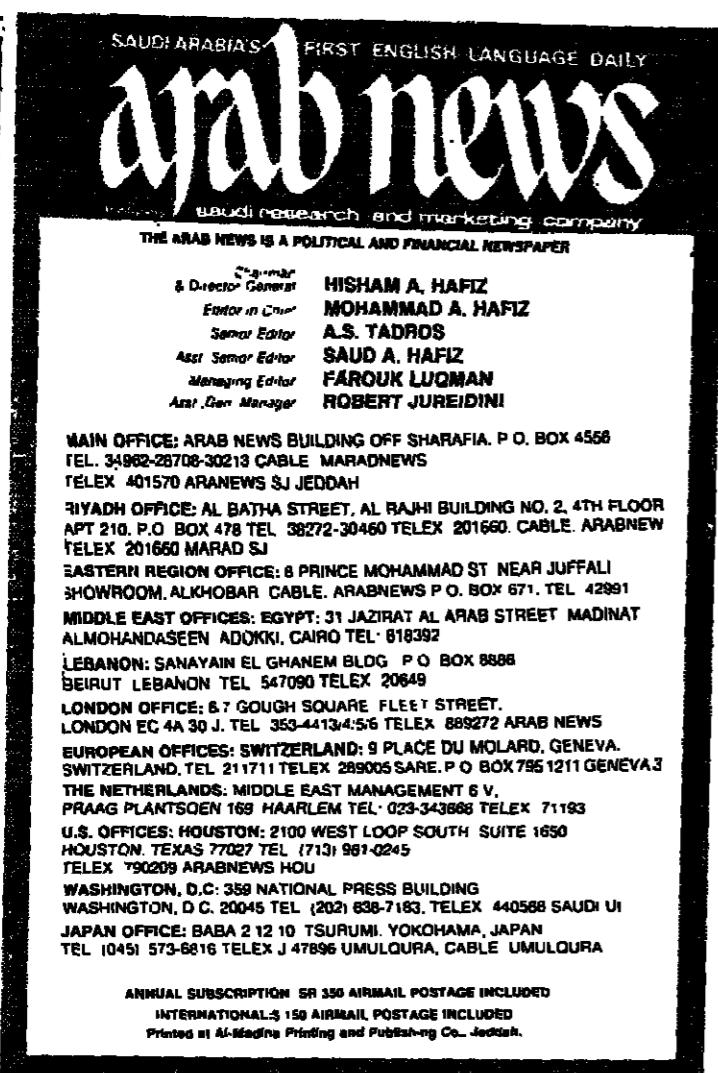
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Symbolism vs. substance

By Robert Cullen

WASHINGTON—The explosive growth in trade and cultural exchanges with the People's Republic of China practically forced the Carter administration to move ahead with normalizing relations, according to administration officials.

The price for the change was the termination of formal diplomatic relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan) and of the military defense treaty that has long committed the United States to the defense of the island.

That price was considered too high by the Nixon and Ford administrations, but recent developments made it palatable to the Carter White House.

The ascension of Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-peng to a position of effective control brought with it a sudden opening to the West as China's leadership rejected the ideological purity of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung and sought to modernize its society as rapidly as possible.

The Chinese, deciding they need all the help they can get from the West, have signed sweeping new trade and friendship agreements with France and Japan.

With the United States, the Chinese have agreed to a major student exchange and are dickerling as a communications satellite.

That opening meant a potential bonanza for American businessmen and an unprecedented opportunity for American and Chinese scholars. But further progress was hampered by the lack of full diplomatic relations.

Thus, Carter decided to accept diplomatic relations along the same lines that the Japanese have them, while maintaining unofficial relations with Taiwan.

Administration officials insisted Friday that Taiwan is in no jeopardy despite the abrogation of the defense agreement. They say that Teng has given informal assurances that China is not going to invade Taiwan when the last American troops leave and intends to seek unification slowly, peacefully and without disrupting Taiwan's economic system.

One American official explained the bargain by saying "The Chinese got the symbolism they wanted and we got the substance we wanted."

In addition to opening a new era in bilateral relations, the new ties between the United States and China are certain to have a major impact on American relations with the Soviet Union, a nation that now stands alone as China's major enemy.

The Soviets have said they expected normalization of U.S.-Chinese relations but would be deeply disturbed if the normalization leads to a military alliance.

Already the Chinese are bargaining with France and Britain over the terms of major weapons sales.

Carter seemed clearly to be addressing the Soviet fears when he said Friday night, "the normalization of relations between the United States and China has no other purpose than this—the advancement of peace."

Joint communiqué

Following is the partial text of Carter's speech Friday night announcing the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China:

The United States of America and the People's Republic of China have agreed to recognize each other and to establish diplomatic relations as of Jan. 1, 1979.

The United States of America recognizes the government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China. Within this context, the people of the United States will maintain cultural, commercial and other unofficial relations with the people of Taiwan.

The United States of America and the People's Republic of China reaffirm the principles agreed on by the two sides in the Shanghai Communiqué and emphasize once again that:

Both wish to reduce the danger of international military conflict.

Neither should seek hegemony in the Asia-Pacific region or in any other region of the world and each is opposed to efforts by any other country or group of countries to establish such hegemony.

Neither is prepared to negotiate on behalf of any third party or to enter into agreements or understandings with the other directed at other states.

The government of the United States of America acknowledges the Chinese position that there is but one China and Taiwan is part of China.

Both believe that normalization of Sino-American relations is not only in the interest of the Chinese and American peoples but also contributes to the cause of peace in Asia and the world.

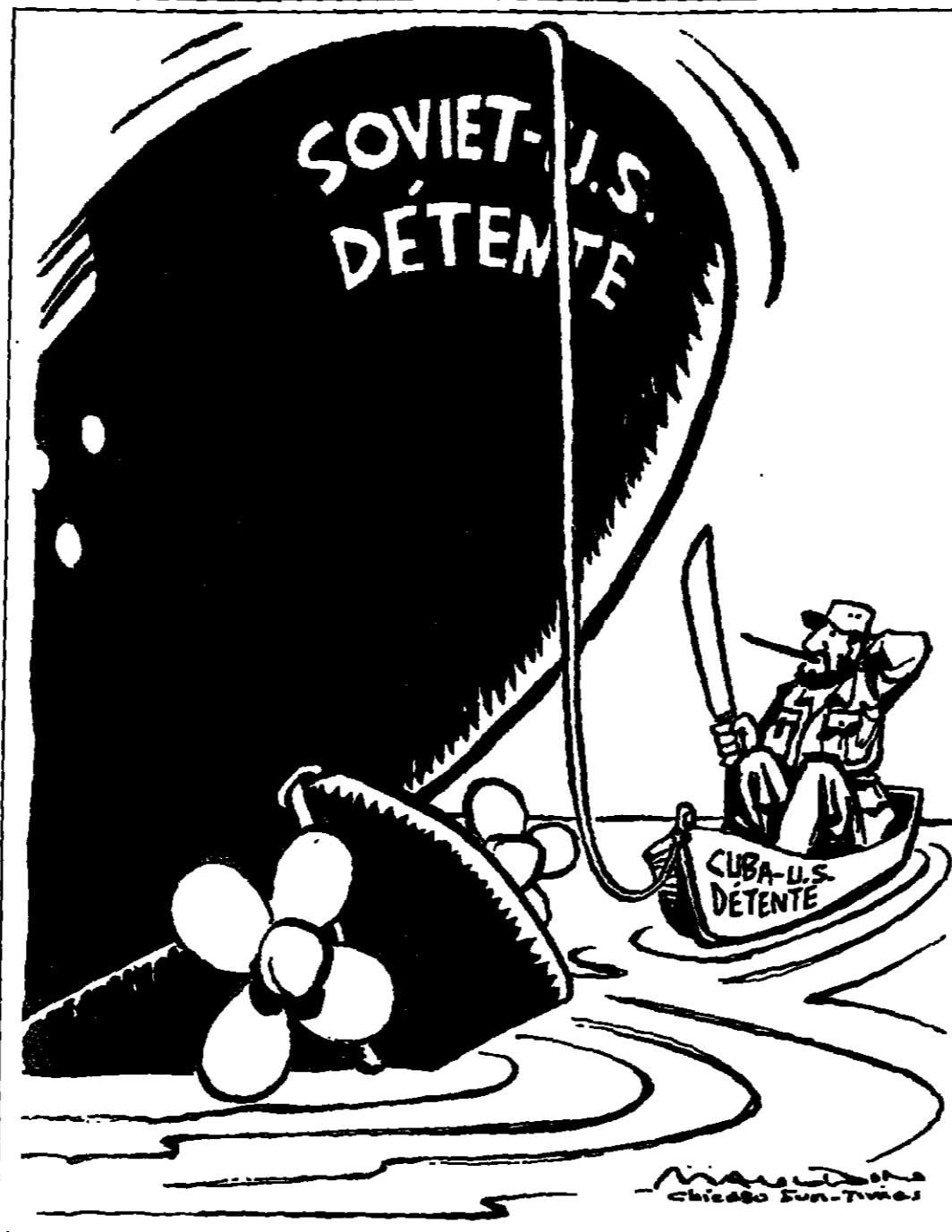
The United States of America and the People's Republic of China will exchange ambassadors and establish embassies on March 1, 1979.

Yesterday, the United States of America and the People's Republic of China reached this final historic agreement.

On Jan. 1, 1979, our two governments will implement full normalization of diplomatic relations.

As a nation of gifted people who comprise one-fourth of the population of the earth, China plays an important role in world affairs—a role that can only grow more important in the years ahead.

Before the estrangement of recent decades, the American and Chinese people had a long history of friendship. We have already begun to rebuild some of those previous ties. Now, our rapidly expanding relationship requires the kind of structures that diplomatic relations will make possible.



By Michael Getler

BONN—

West Germany's new young Defense Minister—whose style seems more American than German—is causing a stir and some concern at NATO headquarters in Brussels, in some quarters of the Carter administration and even here in Germany.

"What Hans Apel is all about is what everybody wants to know," says one top U.S. diplomat in Europe, referring to the controversial 46-year-old German defense chief. Ten months after taking over as the civilian head of the largest and most important military partner of the United States in Western Europe, Apel remains a puzzle to many associates.

He has politely yet clearly challenged NATO's military leader, General Alexander Haig, on some key issues. He has not so politely broken the formality and club-like rules of NATO's inner circles by suggestions of weak leadership.

And he has raised some provocative long-range questions about central issues affecting West German political as well as military security.

What is becoming clear, however, is that Apel—confidant and protege of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt—is apt to be the most important West German Defense Minister of the post-war era.

That is so not simply because of the key role of any German defense chief, but also because Schmidt's role as the dominant and most popular political leader in West Germany continues to grow.

If Schmidt, 59, seeks and wins reelection in 1980, then Apel, in the view of many politicians, becomes probably the most likely Social Democrat to eventually succeed him.

"If you conclude we're going to have Schmidt around for another six years and Apel after him, then it pays for us

to figure Apel out quickly," says one Western official.

"What is clear," another adds, "is that he is the new generation German. No ties to World War II. Never wore a uniform. No Nazi-era hang-ups. So he is taking a different tack. He is basically acting like an American politician who doesn't care if he breaks the china or where it breaks."

"We've reformed them," the official says of the postwar German generation. "And now we are finding it a little difficult to deal with them."

"At NATO headquarters in Brussels," a Western diplomat says, "the Americans, especially, had gotten comfortably used to a certain kind of German Defense Minister who just took out his checkbook and said okay to the program."

Many observers and officials view Apel's political challenges as healthy and refreshing.

He has, for example, sought to remind NATO that it is the civilian political leaders and not the military leaders who have the final say on alliance questions.

He has sought to tone down the rhetoric and frequency of NATO military warnings to the public because he feels they can eventually overwhelm political considerations, which also must be taken into account, yet which may not have fully crystallized.

Within this view, another concern is implicit: political leaders have not spoken out sufficiently on some of these crucial East-West issues.

For example, Apel is known to be concerned that military arguments that the West needs new intermediate-range weapons to match a Soviet buildup can dim prospects of arms control negotiations handling such questions.

It is concerned that a new buildup of such weapons in Western Europe to match the Soviets could eventually decouple the U.S. commitment to defend Europe with long-range strategic weapons if necessary, or could add still more weapons to German soil, which may be politically unpopular to a new generation of voters.

At the heart of Apel and Schmidt's concern, informed sources say, is a feeling that the public, through military assessments, is becoming inundated with warnings about Soviet arms and the need to strengthen NATO while not paying enough attention to arms' controls.

'Lebanon' specter haunts Iran

By Colin Smith

TEHRAN—

Iran is in ferment in a land full of slogans—independence, liberty, and Islamic government; Iran is our country, Khomeini our leader, our leader is Khomeini; hail Khomeini, death to the traitors; political prisoners must be free.

After almost 12 months of riots, the Shah's carrot and stick policy has failed to control his mutinous subjects.

If any further proof of this was needed it came with the massive, yet mainly peaceful, demonstrations which took place over the Ashura holiday last week.

But if the Shah is near the end of his 37-year reign what follows?

In Tehran a waiter summed up the situation like this. "At the moment," he said, "the people are together. If the Shah goes the people will begin to go in different directions. Then, after a little while they will go like this." And with his fingers he demonstrated different factions bound on a collision course. "Iran will become another Lebanon," he concluded miserably.

Lebagon's anarchy is a spectre that haunts many countries in the Middle East who are only too aware of how brittle their own societies are.

The two most powerful seg-

ments within the disparate opposition to the Shah are the religious element and the National Front, which is an umbrella group covering most of the political spectrum except the Communists.

In London recently, Abol-hassan Banisadr, an economist and active Front member since the 1960s, explained that if the Shah abdicates a provisional government of about 15 opposition leaders would take over. All these people would first have to have Ayatollah Khomeini's approval in accordance with Iran's 1906 constitution, which lays down that a religious council must yet call a leg election.

The first thing this interim government would do, said the National Front spokesman, would be to organize a nationwide referendum on whether the country wanted a monarchial or republican system. They would then supervise the election of deputies to a special parliament which would make the laws of the new State in accordance with the result of the referendum.

This is a rosy picture and although the referendum with its almost inevitable republican result—even the compromise of a regency council around Crown Prince Reza is unpopular—would probably be easy to avoid a too apparent affront to the Gaullists and turned to career diplomats. They did little more than carry out the president's will while looking over their shoulder at the predominantly Gaullist foreign ministry at the Quai d'Orsay.

Schmidt, perhaps for his own political benefit or for broader concerns, has sought repeatedly to draw attention to Brezhnev's visit here, though other Western officials tend not to

see much new in it.

The German attitude on policy toward the Soviet Union creates much of the mystique of Schmidt and Apel these days. While both remain firmly committed to the West, Bonn clearly is trying to improve relations with the Soviets. This, however, is feeding ammunition to some conservative critics here and in the United States who feel Bonn's ties are somehow weakening, although there is no real evidence to support this.

Apel also has openly challenged Haig's philosophy of bigger NATO maneuvers each year in Germany. The maneuvers damage the countryside too much, he says, and perhaps send the wrong signals to the EEC.

At a NATO nuclear planning group meeting in Brussels last month, Apel, perhaps inadvertently, also urged NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns to bring in some undiplomatic language suggesting weak leadership. That eventually brought Luns to Bonn for a discussion with Schmidt. (WP)

A first for the Fifth Republic

By Paul Webster

PARIS—

With the appointment of Jean Francois-Poncet as foreign minister, France's foreign policy is now free of Gaullist influence for the first time in the 20 years of the Fifth Republic.

The choice of a former anti-Gaullist election candidate with an almost religious commitment to Europe reflects the growing confidence of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing as both the internal and external politics of France become ever closer identified with his personal priorities.

In many ways, the appointment of Francois-Poncet will be as traumatic for the Gaullists as the loss of the presidency in 1974 and the loss of the premiership in 1976. The Gaullist policy of French independence is to be finally submerged in the interests of a continental Europe.

But if Francois-Poncet's appointment passed off with little Gaullist protest, it was not only due to the fact that the Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac was in the hospital after breaking his leg in a car crash. The rise of the new foreign minister was a carefully planned and timed operation by Giscard that made protest a waste of time.

Since 1974, foreign affairs have been as much a personal preserve of the president as they were under Gaullist leaders. But he was restricted in his choice of foreign ministers

to avoid a too apparent affront to the Gaullists and turned to career diplomats. They did little more than carry out the president's will while looking over their shoulder at the predominantly Gaullist foreign ministry at the Quai d'Orsay.

While the president gradually dismantled the Gaullist influence in the ministry itself, the shortcomings of using civil servants were displayed by both previous office-holders. Jean Sauvagnargues and Louis de Guiringaud. Too dry and inflexible, they made a number of mistakes in interpreting the president's policy. De Guiringaud was to leave under the shadow of several gaffes, notably in Africa and in condemning right-wing forces in Lebanon with 7,000 employees.

His replacement, Francois-Poncet, is not merely handpicked by the president but is also hand-trained. The timing of his selection one month before France starts its six-month presidency of the EEC, is in itself an indication of Giscard's trust and his priorities.

Francois-Poncet, 50, comes from the same rich bourgeois background as the president and, like him, married an aristocratic member of one of France's iron and steel families. He has, four children, like the president and went to the Ecole Nationale d'Administration.

During the preparation for the European parliamentary elections last year and the campaign Giscard is leading for European monetary and political unity, Francois-Poncet will have freedom to act. He has denied his civil service predecessors. He is already known to be close to Raymond Barre. (OFNS)

saudi press review

goaded to move towards a peaceful settlement in the region."

"Al-Bilad" commented on Oil Minister Yamani's statement to the press on the need to stagger any oil price increase and said that the statement "shows a sense of responsibility towards the interests of mankind in general." It said that the Kingdom's oil policy "will always remain geared to the development needs of the country and the interests of the rest of the world."

"Al-Riyadh" commented on the OPEC conference and upheld the moderate line that the member states are taking with regard to prices.

"An excessive price increase," according to the paper, "can be counterproductive."

"It may lead to further deterioration of the dollar value and this, in turn, might reduce the net earnings of the oil exporters, and thereby offset the increase in price which, most probably, would not exceed ten per cent."

"On the other hand," the paper said, "world economic circles are treating the OPEC conference with nonchalance ex-

pecting it to continue to be moderate, hopeful of finding alternatives to oil and that they hold the key to economic problems besetting the world. They are confident that because they are in control of the technology required by the developing states, they can get any price they want for their exports."

"But this is a wrong attitude because the OPEC countries can demand some other form of payment for oil over oil. Another option is to demand a much higher price for the dollar. Economically, it makes sense for the OPEC countries to move away from the dollar to SDRs because the U.S. currency is not likely to get healthier in the near future."

"Okaz" said that while it held "in great esteem the moderating role that OPEC is playing in trying to stabilize the price of oil," the responsibility really falls on oil-importing countries. International economic stability is not going to be achieved solely through an OPEC decision to depress oil prices. This stability can only be the result of a large and cooperative effort, particularly on the part of bigger countries which control the wheels of the world economy."

BOOKSHELF

The Saracens and the defense of the Arabian Frontier

The Saracens and the Defense of the Arabian Frontier
By: David Graf; Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research, February, 1978, No. 229.

By Barry Reynolds

Striking new evidence, based on a reinterpretation of rock carvings at Rawwafa, about 75 kilometers south of Tabuk, casts the early tribes of Northern Arabia in a new light in relation to the Roman Empire. Far from being the docile conscripts for a swelling Roman imperial army, as once assumed, these confederated tribes forced the Romans into diplomacy. Because of a combination of inhospitable climate and tribal cohesiveness, a well-planned effort was made by the Romans to cultivate friendship, with chiefs whose peoples served as a buffer on the Empire's vital Eastern frontier.

In a provocative if somewhat dry article just released by the Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Re-

search, archaeologist David Graf sheds new light upon the relationship between North Arabian tribes and the Roman emperors.

These nomadic desert tribes who populated land between Syria and Arabia were once called Saracens. As a result of recent archaeological surveys, the term "thamudic" is now applied to the specific North Arabian tribes who used a script similar to the Sabaeans of South Arabia.

It has been previously assumed that, as in the case of the Penna-based Nabateans, who were subdued by Rome in 106 A.D., a Roman military occupation was installed from Ma'an in Jordan to the Hejaz to protect the last stages of the famous incense route. But although there is evidence of a sometime military presence in Northwest Arabia, the actual fortifications identified have been scanty. Graf feels that Roman strategists, sensing the futility of controlling hundreds of independent Arabian tribes, op-

ted for quiet diplomacy. It seems to have been a beneficial arrangement for both sides.

The Arabian tribes under the Thamudic confederation were enlisted on the empire's borders to control incursions by neighboring tribes. In return for refraining from raiding the provinces themselves, they were subsidized. They were also allowed to collect part of the tariff levied on the spice caravans which passed through their territory. From an empire that had recently subjugated the Nabateans, Jews and Parthians, it was an easily won and formidable concession.

The evidence for harmonious relations with desert tribes from Rawwafa, an isolated site in the Hejaz. Here a sanctuary was erected during the reign of Marcus Aurelius. Both Musil (1910) and Philby (1951) visited the site and re-

ported inscriptions that present Rome as the chief contributor in the erection of this temple. Moreover, both the

temple and recent reinterpretation of its inscriptions reveal that such tribal federations were neither culturally isolated nor primitive. In fact, it shows that these Arabians were in contact with major Near Eastern civilizations and involved in the international caravan traffic of the Orient.

For Rome it was shrewd policy. For not only did the agreement free troops for more precarious frontiers, but it also won valuable political sympathies in the area. Graf further shows that North Arabia's tribal communications system, from the Hejaz to Syria's Bosra through the newly-constructed Via Nova, was sophisticated indeed.

Graf's investigation into the Arabian connection with the more fully-documented Levantine kingdoms is only one of many made possible by recent surveying in the kingdom.

In 1975, Saudi Arabia's head of antiquities, Dr. Abdulla Masri, led two-month, 15,000 kilometer search of all known antiquity sites in Saudi Arabia. Many important finds as well as a striking pictorial volume entitled: "Saudi Arabian Antiquities," emerged. Important conclusions based on this survey appeared subsequently in the Journal of Saudi antiquities (ATLAL).

Besides establishing the ground rules for future archaeological surveys, Masri's expedition hinted at future Antiquities' policy in the Kingdom. Briefly stated, that policy—backed by a stringent 1972 antiquities law—seeks to discourage the haphazard and often destructive digging that characterized many excavations in Iraq and Syria. Except in the case of rescue excavations when landmarks or possible ancient sites are threatened by development, Masri's intent is to first fit the known sites into an historical perspective:

"We want to look into the chronology of these sites—what kind of people lived, their language and customs before we allow hundreds of

outsiders in". Masri said recently:

This policy is not without its critics but professional ar-

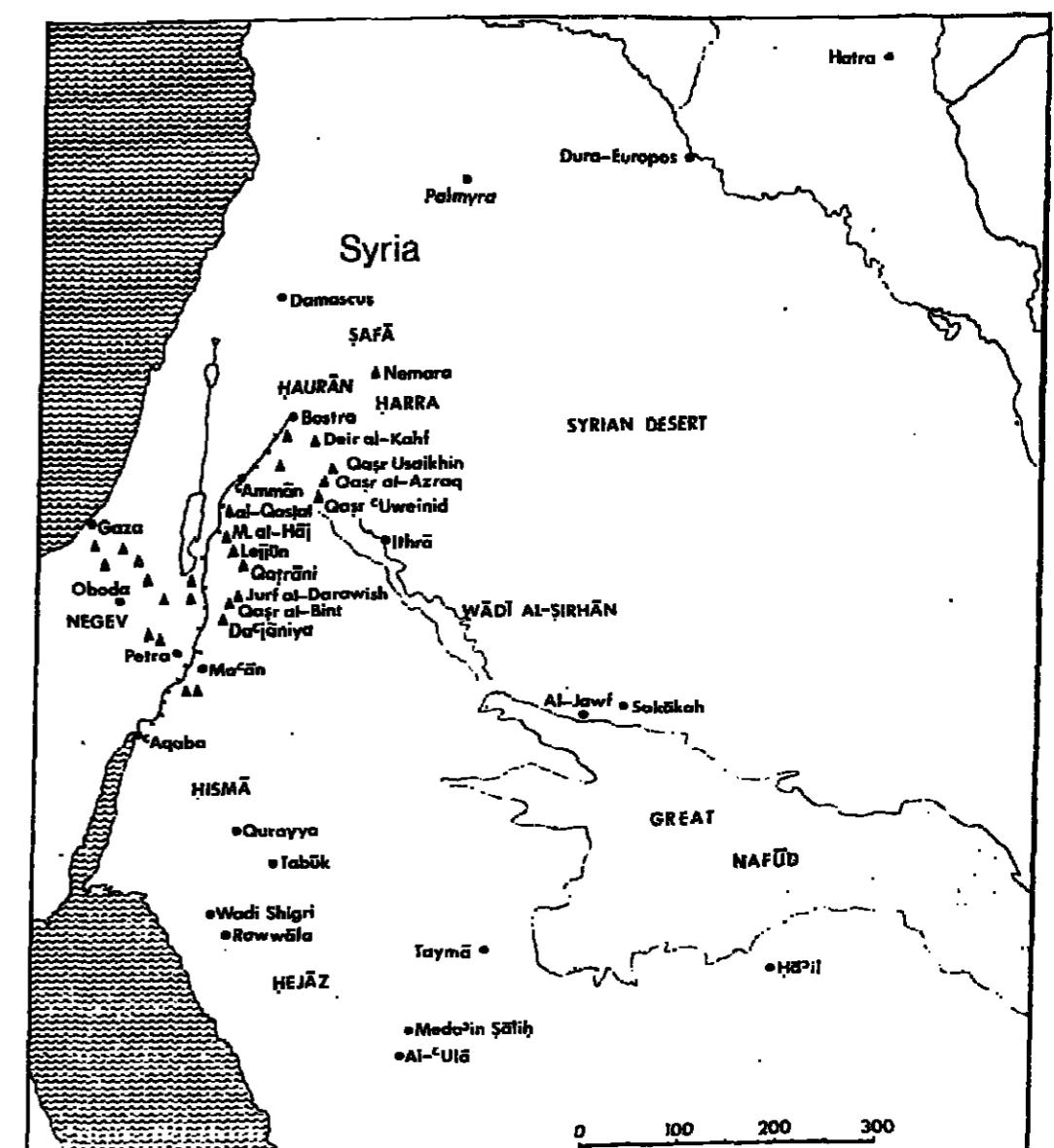
chaeologists, accustomed to slow, laborious digging, have perhaps a more spacious concept of time. Remarked one French archaeologist:

"If Masri can hold off both the developers and well-meaning but sloppy amateur ar-

chaeologists until he maps the entire peninsula, he will have achieved something few antiquities departments have managed to do in this century."

Meanwhile the scholarly finds of this and earlier surveys continue to fill magazines and periodicals. For instance, earlier commentary on Arabia's connection with the ancient world revealed that Arabian obstinacy in the face of a mightier power did not begin with the Roman Empire. Concrete evidence of Arab nomads first emerged in historical annals around 1000 B.C. These nomads are mentioned in Assyrian records as resisting that state's attempt to control them as well. They were aided, perhaps unknowingly, by similar resistance from the South Arabians of Saba who were anxious to maintain local control over the lucrative spice trade route. Chief centers of Arab resistance were at Al Jawf on the northern fringe of the Nafud desert, and at Tayma, both vital trading centers.

These famed camel caravans have probably elicited more romantic interest from Western explorers and readers than any other aspect of ancient Arabia. They carried aromatics, particularly frankincense and myrrh to markets throughout the ancient world. The consumers included Persians, Greeks, Romans, Parthians, Egyptians, Assyrians,



and Sassanids. Many of the caravan towns which sprung up along this route prospered today. Among them are Meca, Medina, Hail, Taima, Al-jawf, Tarut and Thaj.

The field of Arabian archaeology and ethnography news followers, both amateur and professional, yearly. Excluding the many scholarly articles which are not readily available or often are too technical for layman, an abundance of general works can be found. A short list includes:

"The Rise of Civilization", by David and Joan Oates; "The First Empire", Nicholas Postgate; "Saudi Arabian Antiquities," (largely pictorial and available at the new Riyyad Museum); "Looking for Dilmun" by Geoffrey Bibby; "Deities and Dolphins: The Story of the Nabateans" by Nelson Nelson Glueck; "The Bible as History" Werner Keller.

In addition, the "Arameo World Magazine" often carries features on Middle Eastern history for general readers. It is distributed without charge to a limited number of readers with an interest in Arameo, oil history or the history and culture of the Middle East. "Arameo World" is available in most libraries here in the Kingdom.



Palm trees, camels and perhaps lions interspersed with inscriptions in Najdi Thamudic near Hail. (Courtesy of Saudi Dept. of Antiquities)



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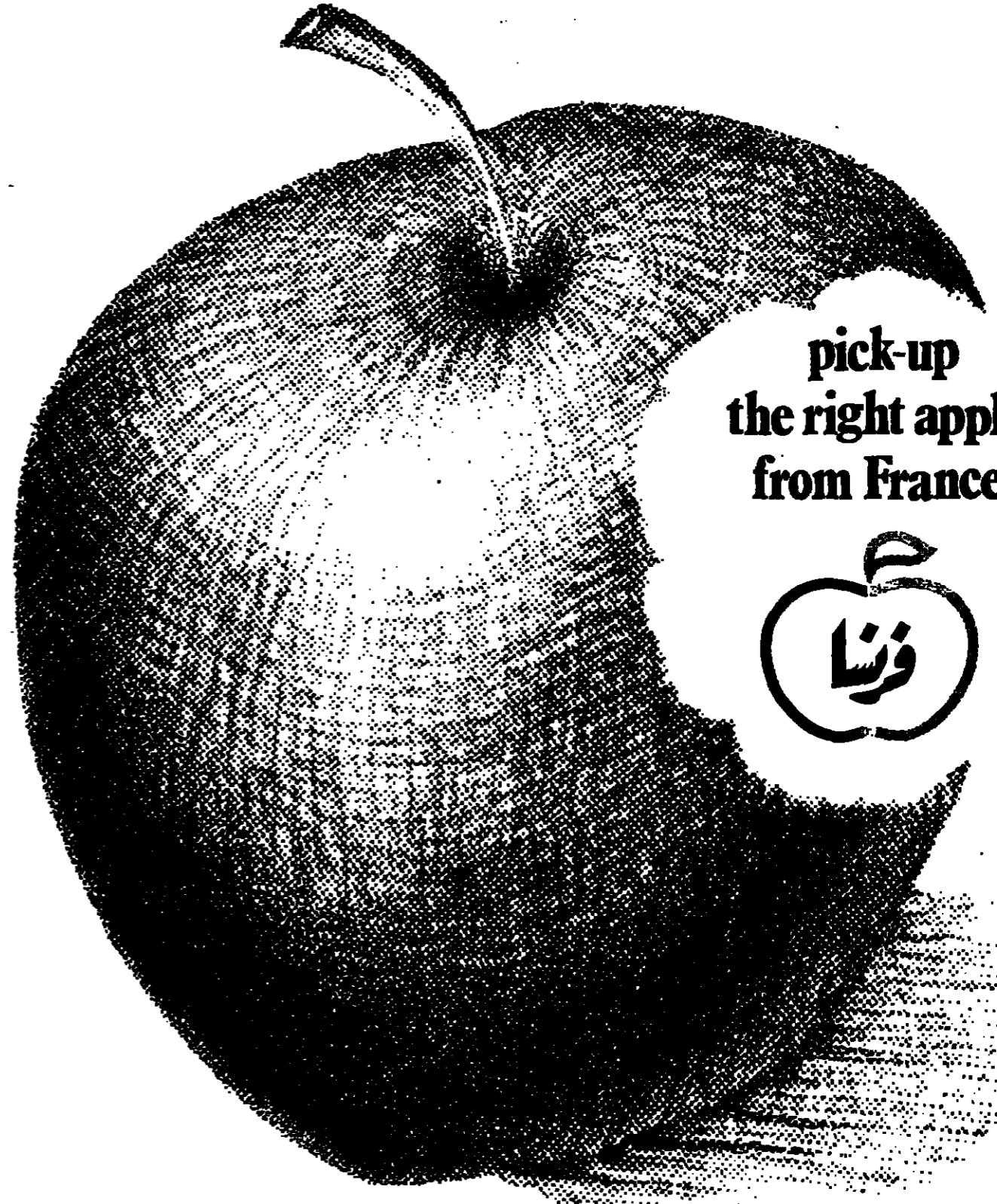
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Quebec confronted with autonomy problem of its own

By Walter Schwartz

QUEBEC CITY, Canada — A bonanza of hydro-electric power, with attendant feasts of uranium and iron ore, is turning Quebec's cold north into an ace card in the poker game for independence. There is only one embarrassment. Way up beyond the treeline, above the 55th parallel, the Eskimos are making a bid for their own autonomy.

A complex of rivers drain-

ing into James Bay provide one of the world's finest hydroelectric sites, promising in its initial stage (the first generators are due to start turning next autumn) to double the province's power output, and to double it again later. This can make Quebec an important supplier of electricity for New York state — the source, indeed, of much of the financing for the \$14 billion project.

The only natives directly in

the way are 6,000 Cree Indians of the James Bay region (an area the size of England). Asserting their ancestral claim to the land (aboriginal rights, though vague, were reaffirmed in every royal charter and every treaty since the French army surrendered to the British in Montreal in 1760), an association of Indians managed to stop the construction work by court injunction in 1973. This caused pandemonium among the giant government corporations and investors involved. A week later, after multi-million dollar-a-day losses, another court reversed the order.

After that trauma, the Quebec government decided to "settle" the Indian problem once and for all, in the classic manner, by treaty — and to include the 4,500 Eskimos (now more politely called Inuit) in the far north as well, although they have nothing to do with James Bay.

The agreement, signed by hand-picked "representatives" of the communities, whose credentials have since been challenged, has been denounced by sociologists and human rights organizations as "colonialist." Under its opening clause the natives "release, surrender and convey all their native claims, rights, titles and interests, whatever they may be, in and to

land in the Territories, and in Quebec."

In return native leaders get a \$196 million cash grant, payable in installments and not for spending all at once. The money has to be used for public projects, but critics of the agreement point out that officially paid "leaders" are spending much of the money on prestige jet airplanes to carry them to one official meeting to another. The Northern Quebec Indian Association has offices in a skyscraper in Montreal. Its executive jets are too big to land in 11 out of the 13 airstrips in Eskimo settlements.

An original version of the agreement provided for a smaller cash payment, but the natives were to draw mineral royalties in their areas. In the final version, with no royalties, every native can count on getting \$11,000 over 20 years. Critics point out that even without an agreement the government would have spent as much in that time.

The government's negotiator acknowledged in parliament that Indians and Eskimos have "a special relationship with the land their ancestors inhabited."

The agreement gives each native village a 40-kilometer half-circle which it can call its own — but can only on the surface because mineral rights belong to the state. In a wider 160-

kilometer zone, natives have hunting rights. Outside this, hunting is free for all, including the big guns of the Montreal weekender.

The dissident Eskimos are centered at Povangnitak, a settlement of 800 people in well-heated plywood huts paid for by the federal government (Ottawa still looks after housing for natives, leaving education to the Quebec provinces, with the impressive result that Eskimo children can now speak English and French as well as their own language.)

Some 1,500 Eskimos in three villages staged a social revolution in the 1960s by founding co-operatives to buy furs and sculptures, and sell consumer goods in the villages, in competition with the century-old monopoly of the Hudson's Bay Company.

The co-operatives were a success, with a turnover now standing at \$8 million a year. Every purchase in a co-op carries a five per cent surcharge in aid of a political organization pledged to negotiate regional autonomy for Eskimos in northern Quebec — and opt out of the James Bay agreement.

"It is tragic that just when the Eskimos were beginning to look after themselves after decades of protectionism by the federal government, this agree-

ment puts them right back into the position of children," said Jean-Jacques Simard, professor of sociology at Laval University, Quebec. He points out that the elaborate "self-government" machinery set up in the agreement is in fact staffed by an army of officials.

The agreement even provides for a staff of salaried "hunters" paid for out of the compensation fund, to hunt food for the old and the infirm.

"That destroys our custom," said Tarnusoi Qumak, the co-op's leader at Povangnitak. "In our custom a family shares out the meat it has killed and this takes care of the old and the young."

Qumak said Eskimos know they cannot live on hunting any more. "We have to change and we want to be part of Quebec and share its development. But how can we ever accept this agreement, in which we are supposed to have signed away all our rights?" What this amounts to is that the Eskimos consider they have as much rights as the Quebec government to any mineral royalties in their area.

"We wonder if the Queen of England knows what injustice is being committed to a people living within her sovereignty," said Qumak. The dissidents want their own regional government within Quebec, operating as a nature reserve. — (G)

Pie in the sky

By Jerome Burne

LONDON — Around the world groups of dedicated men are working painstakingly with wood and glue in draughty aircraft hangars in preparation for one of the zaniest air frolics since the Wright brothers. They are the contenders for the \$200,000 prize to be awarded to the first person to cross the 20-mile-wide English Channel by man-powered flight. In August 1977 the Kramer prize of \$100,000 for the first person to fly a man-powered plane around a mile-long figure of eight course was claimed by Paul MacCready in California, nearly 20 years after it was first offered.

In response the philanthropic Kramer, a British businessman, this year dangled his cross-channel bait. Since the current distance record for man-powered machine is a mere 2,000 yards it is no wonder that even the most dedicated enthusiasts describe the challenge as "pie in the sky." But that doesn't seem to stop them from trying. So far over 250 people from all over the world have applied. Rear Admiral Nicholas Goodhart, who holds the U.K. distance gliding record of 360 miles, was

truant. D.G. Cook from Suffolk, would seem to have an edge on the other competitors, for in August this year he was the first man to cross the Channel on a hang-glider driven by an BHP lawnmower engine.

"They was very rough," he says. "I was flying at about 300 feet and even at that height you get fantastic turbulence passing over supertankers. There is no way you can avoid the monsters and I passed several of them."

Cook, who has been building his plane for two years, says he does it for the technical challenge. "If my machine gets off the ground and flies for a mile I'll be more than pleased. I'll be one of no more than 30 men in the world who have done that." His design is different from the others in that most of the previous attempts have been made in machines that were like gliders modified to take a cyclist to provide the power. "Mine is a swept flying wing that has no fuselage or tails. There is a treadle system for the two men, the one at the back uses both his arms and legs for power while the other steers and just pedals." — (OFNS)



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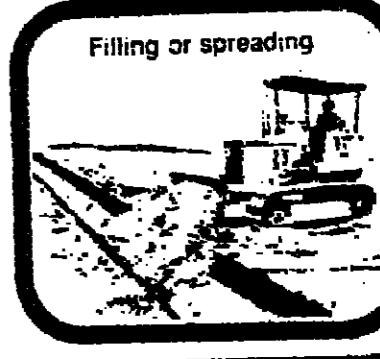
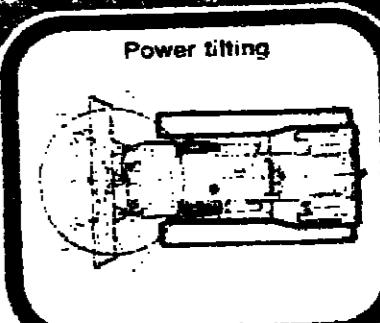
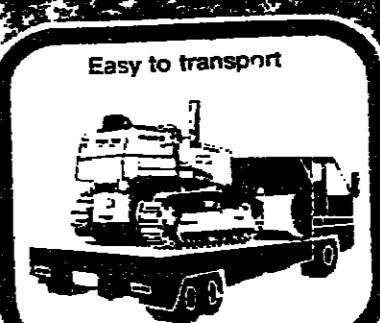


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Four points adrift

Everton keeps unbeaten streak to challenge winless Liverpool

LONDON, Dec. 16 (R) — Everton is still the only unbeaten side in the English soccer League after drawing 1-1 at home with Leeds Saturday.

It was only three minutes from losing that record when it grabbed an equalizer after Hawley had given Leeds a first-half lead.

This late goal takes Everton within one point of neighbor Liverpool, the First Division leader which was surprisingly beaten 1-0 away to Bristol City. Joe Royle scored the all important goal in the 74th

minute. West Bromwich Albion, a team very much in form, stretched its unbeaten run to 13 games, with a comfortable 3-0 away win over lowly Wolverhampton.

It is now only four points adrift of Liverpool and has played two games fewer.

The Browns, Ally and Tony, kept West Bromwich hot on the heels of the Merseyside pair, Ally scoring twice and Tony once.

Everton's savior was Trevor Ross. His goal stretched the club's unbeaten run in the league this season to 19 games and boosted its hopes of overtaking Liverpool, which lost for the third time in the league Saturday.

League champion Nottingham Forest, which surrendered its remarkable 42-match unbeaten league run when it lost to Liverpool last week, bounced back with a 1-0 win over Birmingham City. Scotland international Archie Gemmill scored in the 70th minute.

Chelsea, another of the First Division's strugglers, must have been hoping to give its new manager Danny Blanchflower a great welcome by winning at Middlesbrough.

But the size of Blanchflower's task was emphasized by the London club's crushing 7-2 defeat. Micky Burns scored four of Middlesbrough's goals.

Chelsea's neighbor Arsenal had a much better day keeping alive its title hopes with a 2-0 win over Tommy Docherty's Derby County. Its marksman were David Price and Frank Stapleton.

Arsenal and Forest are six

points behind Liverpool with Manchester United a point further back. United beat Tottenham 2-0, one of its goals coming from 18 year-old Andy Ritchie who was playing only his second game for the club.

The top three teams in the Second Division — Crystal Palace, West Ham and Stoke — all had comfortable wins. Robson's goal in West Ham's 2-0 win over Charlton was his 200th in the League and his 16th this season.

The second round of the Football Association (F.A.) Cup brought its expected crop of shocks, the biggest being non-League Maidstone's 1-0 defeat of Exeter.

Another non-League side, Woking, did exceptionally well to hold Swans — a team which includes several former Liverpool players — to a 2-2 draw and Worcester City and Leatherhead were other obscure sides to force league clubs into replays.

Up in Scotland none of the top five clubs in the Premier Division managed a win.

But leader Dundee United will no doubt be well satisfied with a share of the spoils in the 1-1 draw away to Celtic.

It keeps its one-point lead over Partick Thistle which drew 0-0 away to Hibernian. A point further back is Aberdeen after drawing 1-1 at home with St Mirren.

The division's only winner was Rangers. After scoring only 16 goals in its previous 16 league games the League champion surprised itself with a 5-3 victory over Hearts.

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Everton 1	Leeds 1
Ipswich 3	Bolton 0
Manchester Utd. 2	Spurs 0
Middlesbrough 7	Chelsea 2
Forest 1	Birmingham 0
QPR 2	Manchester C. 1
Hampton 4	Coventry 0
Wolves 0	WBL 3
Division Two	
Brighton 3	Luton 1
Burnley 2	Bristol R. 0
Palace 3	Leicester 1
Fulham 1	Newcastle 3
Millwall 1	Blackburn 1
Oldham 0	Orient 0
Preston 1	Notts Co. 1
Sheffield Utd. 2	Cardiff 1
Stoke C. 3	Wrexham 0
Sunderland 2	Cambridge 2
West Ham 2	Charlton 0
Division Three	
Plymouth 1	Chesterfield 1
Division Four	
Halifax 1	Wigan 2
Scunthorpe 4	Heresford 2
English F.A. Cup (second round)	
Leamington 0	Torquay 1
Barking 1	Aldershot 2
Barnsley 1	Rotherham 1
Bury 3	Blackpool 1
Carlisle 3	Hull 0
Crewe 0	Hartlepool 1
Darlington 2	Chester 1
Doncaster 0	Shrewsbury 3
Droylesden 0	Altringham 2
Leatherhead 1	Colchester 1
Maidstone 1	Exeter 0
Newport 0	Worcester 0
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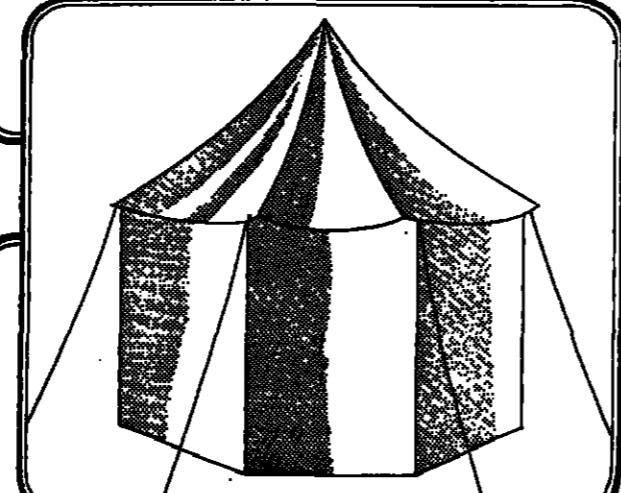
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AGAINST ENGLAND: All Blacks surround England's M. Rutter on their way to a 16-6 victory earlier in the tour.

All Blacks climax triumphant tour

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 16 (R) — Eddie Dunn, the New Zealand rugby union All Blacks' second-choice fly half, fitting climax to the New Zealanders' tour of Britain and Ireland.

The 23-year-old Maori, playing despite tonsillitis, dropped a goal in injury time with his

side trailing, 16-15, to give the All Blacks an 18-16 win and their 17th victory in 18 matches.

Their only defeat was by the Irish provincial side Munster in the fifth match of the tour.

Any teams not entering a

China dominates track

Swimmers boost Japan's lead

BANGKOK, Dec. 16 (AP) — There was at last one swimming race without an Asian Games record Saturday as the Games' overall medal leader, Japan, continued to dominate the

swimming and second-placed China seized four more track and field golds.

The day's action started early as Hakam Singh set out at 7 a.m. for a 20-kilometer walk through Bangkok's streets that finished 90 minutes later before a few early risers to give India one of its three gold medals for the day.

Singh put on a tremendous finishing burst to catch Indonesia's Subramanian by only four seconds with a winning time of one hour, 31 minutes 54.9 seconds.

With new swimming records now on the book for 23 of the 24 events so far, Japan swept all six of the day's races and added two gold medals in yachting. That boosted its overall total to 51 golds, 39 silver and 33 bronzes.

China had 36 golds, 35 silvers and 28 bronzes after winning four of seven track and field events and the men's and women's springboard diving, with four of its divers surpassing Olympic records.

Besides the walk, India won the men's long jump and a trap shooting gold, boosting its total to seven golds — tied with host Thailand behind the 12 of North Korea.

Saturday's action also was marked by North Korea's second protest walkout of the games, this one costing it its first loss in men's basketball play, so far undefeated South Korea.

Other golds Saturday were Pakistan's in yachting, Iraq's in the men's 400-meter run — the first gold for both countries — Thailand's in yachting and one

each for the Philippines and South Korea in bowling.

In the 400, Iraq's Luaiib Abbas beat India's Udhay Prabhu in a photo finish. Abbas won in 46.71 with Prabhu second in 46.79.

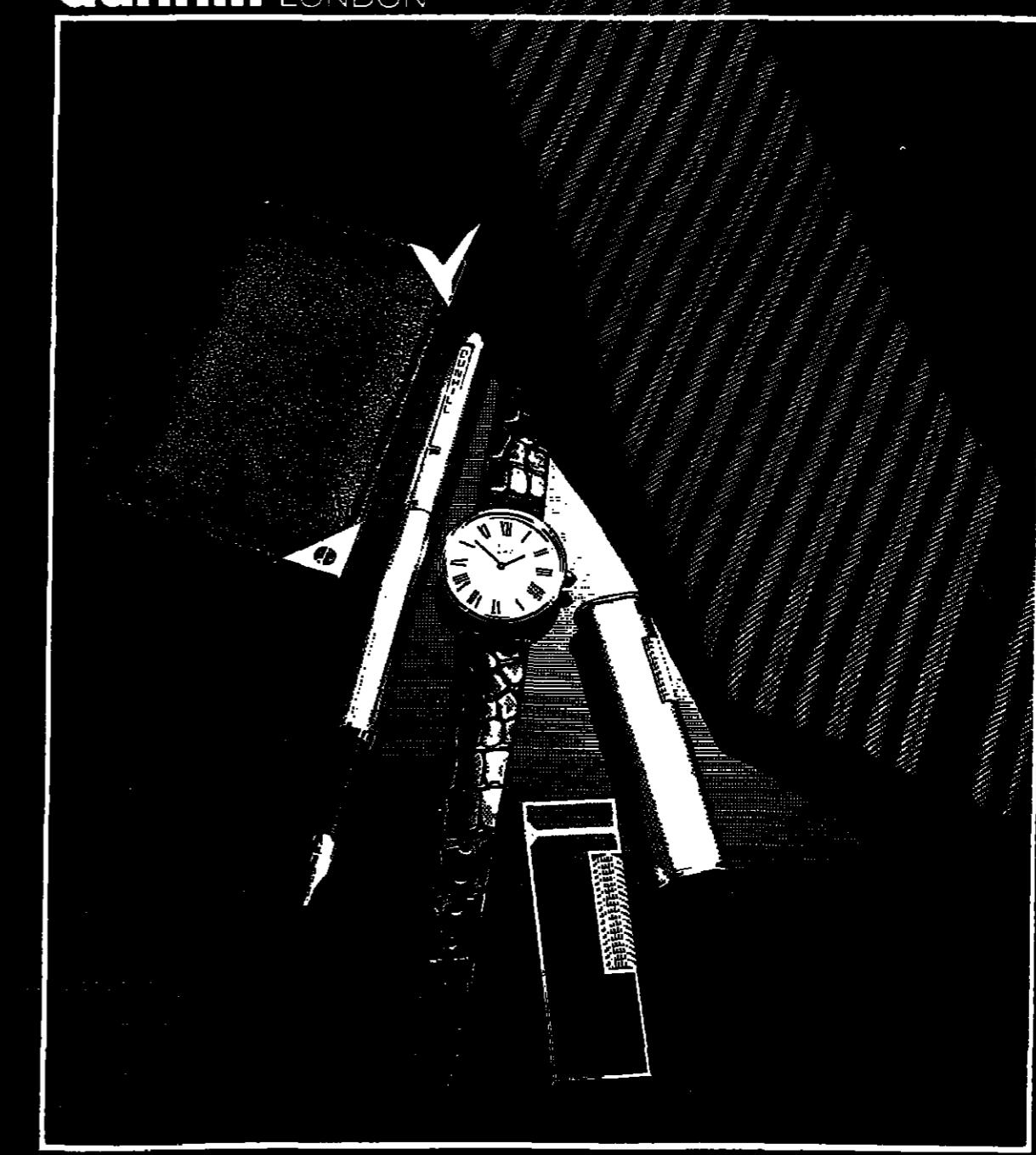
In action involving Saudi teams Saturday, the Kingdom's volleyballers defeated Bangladesh 15-11, 15-5, 15-8 to gain ninth place in the standings and in basketball Kuwait needed two overtimes to defeat the Saudi side, 61-59. The Saudis had led 31-24 at halftime and held on to a 45-45 tie at the end of regulation. After one overtime period, it was 53-53. Saudi Arabia is 13th in the basketball standings.

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Washington won its seventh straight road contest, 116-114 over Detroit, Atlanta ended a six-game winless traveling streak with a 121-104 win over New Jersey and San Antonio triumphed for the fourth consecutive time in Indianapolis, downing the Lakers, 125-113.

The other visiting victors were Kansas City, 105-101 in Boston, New York, which beat Chicago 118-94, Cleveland, 110-106, and Portland, 116-113 over Denver.

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U.S. industries boost output by 0.7 per cent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP) — U.S. industries increased their output by 0.7 per cent in November, indicating that the American economy is continuing to grow at a strong, steady pace, the government said Friday.

The Carter administration expects the economy to grow more next year as it tries to bring down the 9.5 per cent inflation rate. However, Friday's report showed that the economy shows no signs yet of stalling.

Industrial production is an

important indicator of economic strength because it measures the combined output of factories, mines and utilities. When the unemployment rate rises it is often preceded by a decline in industrial production.

Gains were widespread among nearly all industries in November, the report by the Federal Reserve Board showed. Strong output in the auto industry contributed to a 0.5 per cent increase in production of consumer goods.

However, production of home goods declined for the second

month in a row because of cuts in the output of appliances and furniture.

The report covered the first month since President Carter announced his anti-inflation program Oct. 24 and his steps to halt the slide of the dollar Nov. 1.

Some private economists predict that moves to tighten credit will lead to a recession next year. However, the report indicated that businesses were still spending money on expansion and on future production.

Weekly Wall Street

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP) — All the widely publicized problems and uncertainties in the United States' economic outlook have not deterred a good many Wall Street analysts from taking a positive view of stock market prospects in 1979.

The cornerstone of many forecasters' optimism is the fact that stock prices are already extremely low, by his

terical standards, using such measures as price-earnings ratios and "book values", or the theoretical liquidating value of stocks.

"P-E ratios are low on a historical basis, and the substantial reserves of domestic and foreign investors should begin flowing into U.S. stocks when interest rates peak and the dollar recovers," maintained Standard and Poor's

Corp.

"Thus, while the near-term market outlook is still murky, the risk-reward ratio looking further ahead is quite positive."

Similarly, the value line investment survey declared: "relative to book values, especially at the replacement values of existing facilities, and relative to earnings and dividends, stock prices are at a level compared to past market bottoms."

They remained stuck at that level in the past week, drifting aimlessly until Friday when then market ran into some selling pressure.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, down 7.19 on Friday, finished the week with a 6.50 loss at 805.35.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped .75 to 53.31, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was down 1.84 at 149.30.

Big Board volume averaged 22.03 million shares a day, down from 23.42 million the week before.

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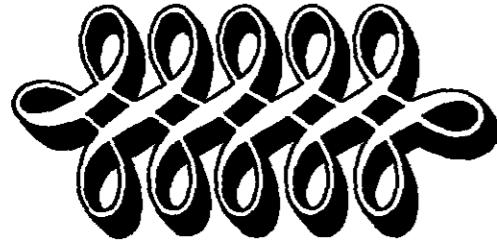
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Pound Sterling	6.70	6.70
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	178.25
Swiss F (100)	200.00	200.25
French F (100)	78.00	77.75
Italian Lira (1000)	4.05	4.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	111.50	111.75
Syrian Lira (100)	81.25	81.60
Egyptian Pound	4.55	4.85
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.35	12.50
Jordanian Dinar	11.40	11.55
Emirates Dirham (100)	88.00	87.75
Qatari Riyal (100)	8.80	8.77
Bahraini Dinar	46.00	46.50
Iranian Riyal (100)	9.85	—
Iraqi Dinar	74.50	74.20
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—
South Yemeni Dinar	78.00	86.25
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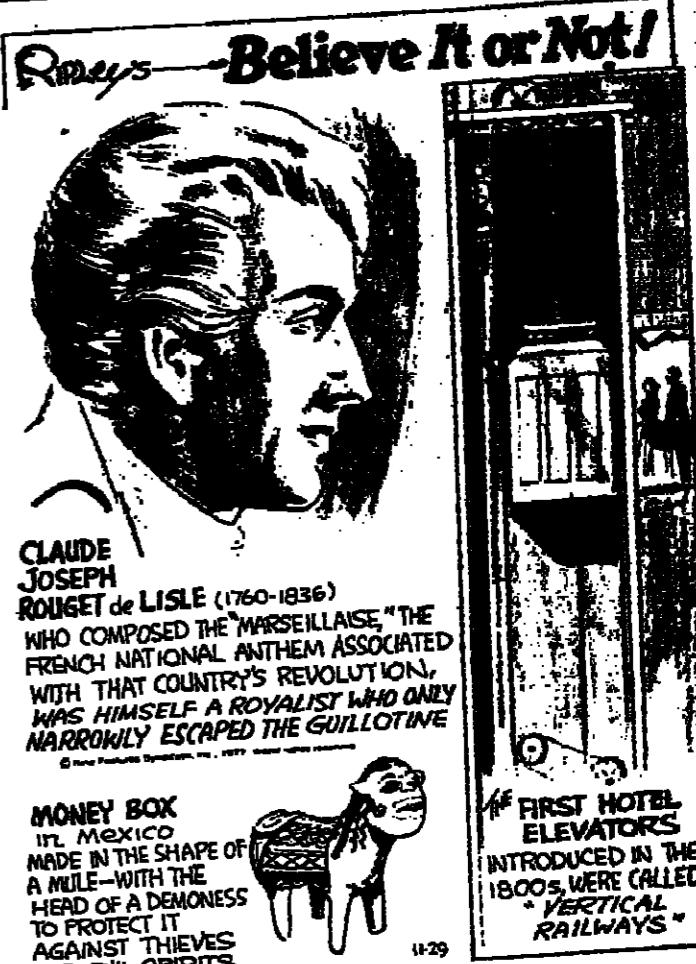
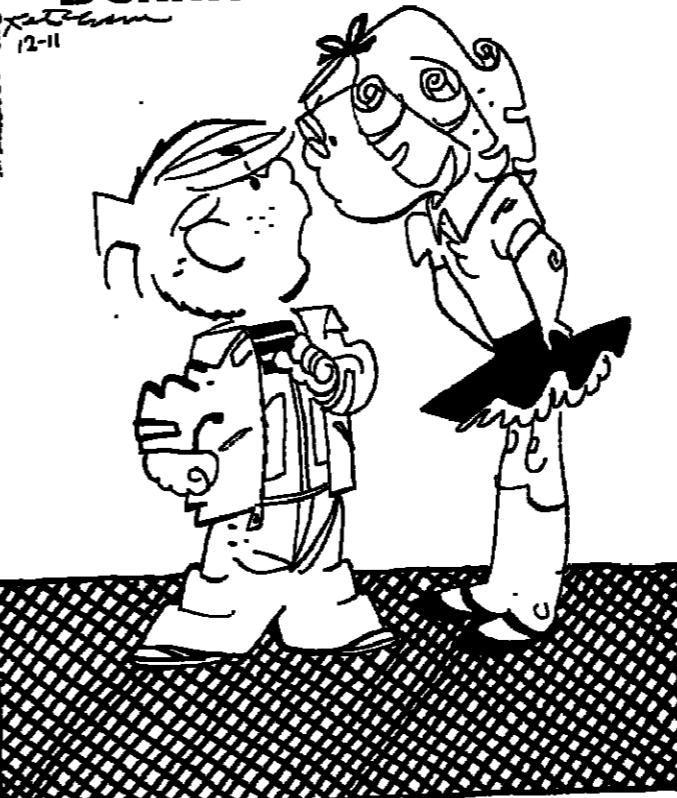
Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Fencing of Al-Shafei graveyard in Nejran	150	150	Jan. 21
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* " "	Building of a dam to protect Halwa Biliar village from floods in Qweiyah	500	500	Jan. 22
* " "	Temporary asphalting of some rural roads in Halwa town	86-98/99	1000	Jan. 27
* " "	Fencing of four graveyards in rural areas in Halwa town	87-98/99	600	Feb. 1
* " "	Lighting of streets in Al-Shamasah village and its entry point	88-98/99	200	Feb. 1

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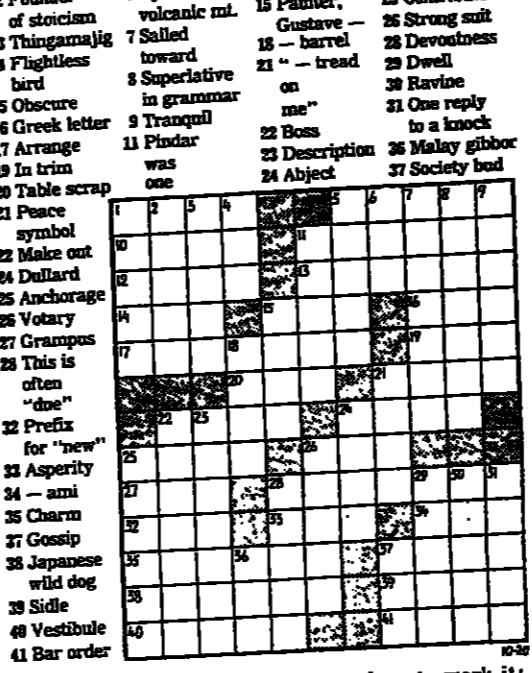
Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1-vi
- 2 Parlor pastimes
- 3 "When I was ..."
- 4 Gilbert
- 5 At cut-rate prices
- 6 Founder of shism
- 7 Tschingamajig
- 8 Fighting bird
- 15 Obscure Greek letter
- 17 Arrange
- 19 In trim
- 20 Table scrap
- 21 Peacock symbol
- 22 Make out
- 24 Dallard
- 25 Anchorage
- 26 Volary
- 27 Grampus
- 28 This is often "dine"
- 29 Prefix for "new"
- 31 Asperity
- 34 -ami
- 35 Charm
- 37 Gossip
- 38 Japanese wild dog
- 39 Siddle
- 40 Vestibule
- 41 Bar order

DOWN

- 1 Perplexed
- 2 Vanish
- 3 ingrediant
- 4 Two-faced god
- 5 Folklore being
- 6 Kyushu's volcanic ml.
- 7 Sailed toward
- 8 Superlative in grammar
- 9 Tranquill
- 10 Pindar
- 11 Bustle
- 12 Fossile
- 13 Thingamajig
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- 21 Peacock symbol
- 22 Make out
- 23 Strong suit
- 24 Dwell
- 25 Devotion
- 26 One reply
- 27 Knock
- 28 Malay gibber
- 29 Society bud



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A X E
B L O N G F E L L O W

One letter always stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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X W W L V C A P Q B , X P R R W U L V C
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O U W Z B W Z B U W I L D D O U X

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Test Your Dummy Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at four hearts. North leads the A-K-Q of diamonds, South following suit, and you win the ten of clubs. You cover with the queen and win South's king with the ace. How would you play the hand?

2. This is one of those cases where making the contract is certain regardless of how the opponents' cards are divided.

All you have to do is prepare for the possibility that North may have the king and queen of spades, and that South may have four or more hearts headed by the queen.

Start by cashing the A-K of clubs and continue by cashing the K-A of hearts. Now lead a spade from dummy, planning to finesse the ten if South follows low.

If South produces the queen or king of spades instead, your worries are over. You win with the ace and cash a spade trick.

Let's assume you ten of spades loses to North's king or queen. In that case, he would hand you the contract with either a spade or a club return. If he leads a heart instead, he cannot do so without establishing at least one heart trick in dummy to take care of your other spade losses.

Your chance to stand and be greatly enhanced by first casting the A-Q of hearts. If both opponents follow suit, you plan to cash the K-A of spades followed by the ruff of a low club.

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PRAYER TIMES

SUNDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:31	6:58	12:22	3:27	5:44	7:14
Medina	5:37	7:03	12:24	3:23	5:39	7:09
Nejd	5:03	6:33	11:51	2:50	5:06	6:36

DAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show
4:50 Jokers Wild
5:30 Wade World Of Sports
6:02 Waltons
6:51 Wel. Blk Kotter
7:25 Safety Film
7:26 Police Woman
8:16 That's My Mama
8:41 Second Run

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Take Notice Death Game Cliftons-Big Move Baxter

WEATHER

Moderate weather in all parts of Saudi Arabia in the morning, cool by night in the northern part. Surface winds will blow in various directions, gaining speed during the day in the northern region, raising dust occasionally.
Sea conditions in territorial waters will be calm to moderate.

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Saturday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	29	19	Jizan	33	24
Jeddah	29	18	Hail	22	02
Riyadh	26	11	Tabuk	19	04
Dhahran	25	12	Rafha	20	06
Medina	27	11	Yanbu	28	13
Taif	24	08	Abha	22	05

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Afternoon Transmission

- 2:00 Opening
- 2:01 The Holy Quran
- 2:03 Gems of Guidance
- 2:10 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
- 2:15 Music
- 2:30 On Islam

Evening Transmission

- 10:00 Opening
- 10:01 The Holy Quran
- 10:05 Message to the Faithful
- 10:10 Light Music

10:15 NEWS

- 10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
- 10:30 Selection of Music
- 11:00 World of Machines
- 11:10 Press Review
- 11:15 The Stevie Wonder Story
- 11:45 Eminent Saudi Arabians
- 12:00 Islamic Contributions
- 12:15 In the Quiet
- 12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
- 12:55 Close Down

10:30 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

10:30 "Sarah Ward

10:45 "Something to Show You"

11:00 World News

11:15 Piano Style

11:30 Brain of Britain 1978

12:00 World News

12:09 British Press Review

12:15 World Today

12:30 Financial News

12:40 Look Ahead

12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show

Evening Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus

1:30 Discovery

2:00 World News

2:09 News about Britain

2:15 Alphabets of Musical Curios

2:30 Sports International

3:00 Radio Newswel

3:35 Promenade Concert

3:45 Sports Round-up

4:00 World News

4:19 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

BBC

Morning Transmission

- 8:00 World News
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12:45 Nature

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1:35 Book Choice

1:40 Reflections

1:45 Sports Round-up

2:00 World News

2:09 Commentary

2:15 Sherlock Holmes

2:45 World Today

8:00 World News

8:09 Books and Writers

8:30 "Take One

8:45 Sports Round-up

9:00 World News

9:09 News about Britain

9:15 Radio Newswel

9:30 Farming World

10:00 Outlook News

10:39 Stock Market Report

10:43 Look Ahead

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2:00 World News

2:09 Commentary

2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drama

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to April 19) You may bring a sluggish work project to a satisfactory conclusion today. Recreational plans are finalized late in the day.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20) You can give valuable support to loved ones today. Old acquaintances may be the source of new found pleasures this holiday season.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20) For once, you can be safely in two places at the same time. Family get-togethers may be followed by special moments with a loved one.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22) Today you'll see the pleasant side of a difficult situation. With the help of friends, you're able to tackle almost anything.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22) Straighten out morning confusion by having a talk with a close one in the p.m. Home may be the best spot for Sunday entertainment.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Lectures, museums, or concerts may appeal to you today. Knowing how you feel inside enables you to stand proper procedures.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You may be lukewarm about attending a party, but there will be people present who will be interested in what you have to contribute.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Take advantage of a social interest. However, don't expect immediate results. Get in touch with those far away.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) At the day wears on, you'll want some moments for

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8:00



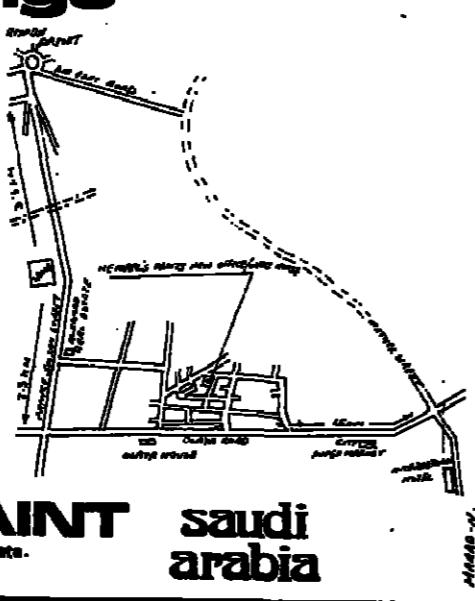
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Belgians to vote on restructuring divided country

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The election campaign, hardly marred by any incidents, revolved around two major topics—devolution and the economic crisis.

Rift

The elections, only 20 months after the last ones instead of four years, were the result of a rift two months ago in the coalition of former Prime Minister Leo Tindemans over proposed state reforms.

The reforms were to give a large measure of cultural and economic autonomy to Dutch-speaking Flanders in the north, French-speaking Wallonia in the south and Brussels, which is officially bilingual but has a strong French-speaking majority.

Tindemans' own Flemish Social Christian Party refused to approve the proposals in parliament after the Council of State, the highest legal body, had said several of the propos-

ed reforms conflicted with the constitution.

Revision

Tindemans resigned and Defense Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants set up a transition government which prepared early elections and a revision of the constitution.

Whatever the outcome of the elections, it was clear from the positions taken by all parties that the unitarian Belgian monarchy, set up in 1830, will undergo profound changes under the next parliament.

Nobody has attacked the throne, but no party any longer defends a unitarian state. Most leaders favor a federalist state of two or three regions with significant autonomy. Some Walloon leaders, hoping self-determination will allow them to remedy their regions economic woes, have indicated they might prefer a loosely-knit confederation of separate states if they deem the proposed autonomy insufficient.

The polls open at 8 a.m. (0700 GMT) and close at 1 p.m. (noon GMT). Voting is compulsory in Belgium.

Poll shows Carter support stable since Camp David

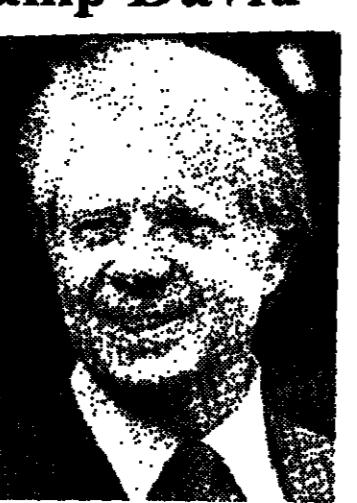
NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—As 1978 moves to a close, the American public's rating of President Carter remains at about the level reached after the euphoria of the Camp David summit subsided, an Associated Press-NBC News poll shows.

In the poll conducted last week, 36 per cent of those questioned rated Carter's work in office as excellent or good.

Half of the public gave his efforts "only fair" grades, and 12 per cent gave him poor marks. Two per cent were not sure.

Those figures are identical to the ratings found by the November AP-NBC News survey and they are slightly below the peak reached right after the Camp David summit when Carter's rating jumped from its low point of 26 per cent to 42 per cent.

Since the September peak, his ratings have declined as domestic concerns overshadowed.



Jimmy Carter

ed his actions in foreign policy.

These concerns over domestic issues—particularly the economy—showed up clearly in the latest survey.

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Hope flickers faintly for missing freighter

HAMBURG, Dec. 16 (AP)—"The situation is very grave but we have not given up hope" that the missing West German freighter Munchen and her passenger and crew will be found, the owners said Saturday.

Hapag-Lloyd said a second rescue boat picked up by the salvage tug "Titan" has been identified as one from the 37,134 ton Munchen, missing since her first "SOS" call was picked up Tuesday.

The 15-seat rubber raft was so spoiled with oil that it took the serial number of a gas flask to identify it as being one of six rescue islands the Munchen carried before disappearing in a storm-tossed area of the Atlantic some 400 miles north of the Azores.

Aboard the 261-meter vessel carrying 83 barges from Germany to Savannah, Georgia.

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He did not make clear whether he was talking on behalf of the government or his party, the Zimbabwe United Peoples Organization (ZUPO). For some time ZUPO has backed talks on the basis of the British and American settlement plan which envisages a British-supervised transitional period leading to black rule.

None of the other coalition leaders—Premier Ian Smith, Abel Muzorewa and Ndabani Sithole—or their aides could be reached for comment Saturday.

Smith, Muzorewa and Sithole have said they would prefer talks to be held on the basis of the March 3 Salisbury Agreement which set up the transitional government. The accord was scorned by the Patriotic Front.

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was walking across the tarmac to catch the British Caledonian flight for Lusaka, when he stopped and said, "No, I'm not going. Remove my cage."

British Caledonian told newspaper that there was no plot and what actually happened was that the company told Nkomo that it might be bad weather en route to Zambia.

"We told Mr. Nkomo he was a remote possibility that might be diverted to Salisbury because of weather conditions near Lusaka," spokesman said.

"He was the only person told and the reason was cause he might not want to land at Salisbury because of weather conditions at Lusaka," the airline spokesman told understatement.

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England in Test ascendant

Willis pass knocks fight out of Aussies

PERTH, Dec. 16 (Agencies)—Fast bowler Bob Willis, who nearly did not play because of blistered feet, took the score to 60 for three during the final over of the day.

Then tragedy struck when off-spinner Geoff Miller's seventh ball in the final over was turned by Toohey just past leg slip for a black political prisoners.

"It's a public holiday we have no part of," said one black organizer of the day here. "We find it abhorrent that the

government should allow a public holiday that marks the defeat of the masses."

Instead, several black politi-

cal movements who have officials and supporters in detention without trial or in cells awaiting trial for political-related offenses held special services in the sprawling black township of Soweto.

But at least one popular newspaper for Afrikaners, "Die Transvaler," commented that Saturday's celebration of what is officially called the Day of the Covenant should include all races.

David Gower added only one run to his overnight total of 101 in 31 minutes.

Geoff Boycott, who faced 340 deliveries during his grim vigil, did not hit a single boundary.

Stout late resistance by Miller and Lever boosted England's total when they added 42 runs for the eighth wicket.

Miller scored a solid 40 in 144 minutes and lever held out for 61 minutes in scoring 14.

First ball

In Bangalore, India lost 3 wickets off the first ball of its innings Saturday, the second day of the second Test against the West Indies, but recovered to a comfortable 129 for one wicket at close of play.

Earlier, fast bowler Rodney Hogg was Australia's hero as he helped his side to dismiss England for 130 after it had been in comfortable position at 199 for three.

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Shah

France, the Shah's arch enemy, has urged strikers to intensify their efforts to shut down the oil field and bring about the collapse of the Iranian economy.

Khomeini has declared Monday a day of national mourning for the victims rioting by pro-Shah tribes earlier this week.

Kingdom

President Mobutu discussed the problems faced by his country on account of "well-known events", the rising cost of oil imports and the main foreign currency earnings. The "Mobutu plan," he said, aims at redressing such a situation and reforming the financial and economic structure of the country.

President Mobutu said he invited a delegation of businessmen from the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce to his residence in June. The invitation was extended during meetings with a chamber of commerce delegation earlier in the week, during which trade and economic relations between Saudi Arabia and the DRC were discussed.

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Italian Foreign Minister Arnaldo Forlani said the establishment of diplomatic relations between Washington and Peking will help China in playing a more complete role in international politics.

"The decision...was by now something foreseeable and must be hailed with satisfaction," Forlani told newsmen. "It is along the line of more complete participation of the People's Republic of China in international life."

India said that it hopes the

U.S.-Chinese move would lead to "easing of international tensions and, more particularly, promote peace and stability, which is the cherished wish of all states in Asia."

The Indian government stopped short, in its statement, of saying that it welcomed the development.

British Foreign Secretary David Owen said Saturday he was "delighted" by the establishment of formal relations between the two countries saying it was an "overdue and a

much needed development."

"Britain took this step some years back," Owen said. "Indeed, we were the first to recognize the People's Republic of China in the 1950s. But it has always been a major gap that the United States, the most powerful country in the world, has not had relations with the People's Republic and I think it extremely important and it will allow a more balanced relationship."

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Monday's killings were the first known attack by soldiers on military men since October, when the military governor and the security forces commander in the southern Jaffur zone were assassinated by a trooper. Other soldiers shot the assassin dead.

But Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, in a television interview Friday night warned that, if the talks were delayed too long, the draft treaty offered on Nov. 11 might no longer be valid.

If that were the case, negotiations would have to begin all over again, he said.

Dayan told a U.S. television commentator Saturday the present impasse "did not mark a dangerous time in Israel's history."

"But it is a disappointing period after we went so very far in offering to withdraw from the Sinai and pull up Jewish settlements there," he said.

Israeli commentators said Saturday the announcement of the opening of full diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China would have side-effects on Israeli thinking.

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